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1. At what dinner were 86 persons present?
2. Who is Harold C. Bonell?
3. Who began his service in 1912 as Student Pastor at Ann Arbor?
4. What church observes its 100th anniversary in 1955?
5. Who will spend two weeks in Ireland and four in England?
6. Where is the U. S. Army building a gigantic base?

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7. What is difficult to describe?
8. What missionary was kidnapped and finally killed?
9. What was a strong, vigorously delivered message?
10. Who is President of Princeton Theological Seminary?
11. Who preached a sermon on, "A Message to the Churches?"
12. Who is S. W. Salisbury?

Note that this contest begins with the June issue, 1952, is completed with the issue of May, 1953, and is open only to subscribers.

13. What population has increased by 25% since 1900?
14. What was a milestone on the road to closer relations?
15. What must be achieved anew, generation by generation?
16. What stands on Joy Road?
17. Who is Russell E. Brown?
18. Where is a leper home that ministers to 170 patients?

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False and True Patriotism

CARTOON NUMBER 190 BY CHARLES A. WELLS



THERE will again be much flag saluting on the 4th day of July. Americans have various ways of saluting their flag. Some give the full right hand military salute. Others stand with hand placed over the heart. Men usually remove their hats in simple reverence when the flag passes in parade.

These salutes can too easily be meaningless empty gestures. A real salute must go beyond the physical tribute of respect. Behind the flag are the historic spiritual values that made America's pioneers endure hunger and cold to give their children a better chance, and that made the founding fathers pray that the soul of America might become great. The American way of life, of freedom, of abundance for all, will not continue unless in each generation we recreate its basic spiritual character. We have freedom because we have learned to know the immeasurable worth of human personality. We have abundance because men learned the lesson of Christian sharing. Unfortunately many saluters continue their selfish ways of cheating and chiseling, unmindful of the needs and rights of others, and watch for chances to exploit human weakness, instead of preaching Christian sharing.

We make flag saluting only a perfunctory gesture unless with each salute we renew our pledge to those ideals that are the true sources of the American spirit.—CHARLES A. WELLS.

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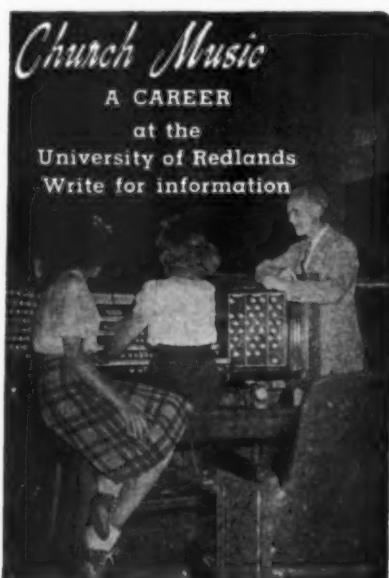
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by BAPTIST SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, and THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES

Like all other enterprises, and institutions today the American college, and particularly the denominational institution, faces difficult financial problems in this era of postwar inflation and preparations for a Third World War. Although tuition fees have been increased, this increase in revenue is offset by higher costs of operation, and by decline in income from invested funds occasioned by lower interest rates.

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Baptist Convention at Chicago where he gave a brief report of his tour. (See page 365)

LETTERS

From the Editor's Mail Bag

I am somewhat disgusted at the way MISSIONS is blowing a fuse over an Ambassador at the Vatican. I do not think an Ambassador means anything to either Protestants or Roman Catholics. But such an appointment would create better friendship among Christians all over the world, and this is the need of the day with communism on the march. This is no time for a religious stir up. . . . We are spending a lot of American money trying to buy friendship and good

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and not with Christ-rejecting nations. An Ambassador to the Vatican would have produced for us better friendship and good will of Roman Catholic nations. The more we Christians criticize our fellow Christians the more communists we make for Joseph Stalin. Today we are helping Communist Dictator Tito in Yugoslavia and what has he been doing for Christianity? Has MISSIONS ever raised its voice in protest?—Fred Thompson, Parsons, Kan.

NOTE—MISSIONS has several times protested American aid in support of the communist dicta-



Commencement Procession
at Franklin College, June, 1951

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THE above picture shows only one-fourth of the graduating class at Franklin College in June, 1951, the other three-fourths had not yet come into view around the curve. The long line was headed for the Commencement Exercises which represented for them a "turn" in their lives far more significant than the turn in the campus walk.

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library, but also the maturing fostered by democratic living in the campus community.

A similar number will be taking the same promising "turn" on their life's walk during this month of June, possibly at the time you read this page. Wherever they go after leaving Franklin College, they will reflect credit on their families, their home communities, their alma mater, and on themselves.

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torship in Yugoslavia. See last month's issue, page 287, also January, 1951, page 18, as indicative of MISSIONS' position.—ED.

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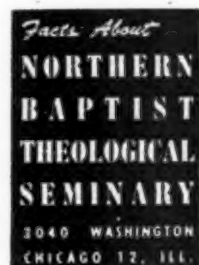
I trust the April leading editorial, "Unto God and Unto Caesar," brought thousands of responses to the needs of the unified budget. Once in a while every minister preaches a powerful sermon; but MISSIONS' editorials are consistently superb.—Chaplain A. L. Murray, U. S. Marines, Camp Lejeune, N. C.

With reference to the letters criticizing President May's statement that "either all men are brothers or no men are brothers," I write to remind your readers that it was the Apostle Paul who said, "God hath made of one blood all nations. . . ." A later version reads, "From one forefather he has created every nation of mankind." Again I read, "I kneel before the Father from whom every family in heaven or on earth takes its name." If the human race is one family, as

both scripture and science assert, then surely we are all brothers. Although 150 years old, MISSIONS still maintains its strength and vigor of body, mind, and spirit.—Prof. R. E. E. Harkness, Chester, Pa.

May I take this opportunity to send a grateful thanks for the inspiration received from each issue of your most helpful magazine.—Lillian E. (Mrs. A. Y.) Acher, Pasadena, Cal.

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in 19 years the College Division will accept students other than those expecting to enter full-time Christian service, offering them regular liberal arts courses. Enrollment in September of 1952 will be limited to 200. The expanding College Division will emphasize, besides high scholastic objectives, a vital Christ-centered spiritual life, and will accept students from all denominations. Dean Lyle Osborne Bristol, of the College Division announces plans to offer majors in Psychology, Social Science, and other fields as early as possible.

The new campus includes 53 acres of beautifully landscaped, wooded estate; three fresh-water lakes; five attractive, solid stone buildings, one containing 40 room; and five additional well-constructed buildings, which include two large dormitories. The interior of the main administration building, was planned by a nationally famous decorator in 1913, who imported materials from all over the world to enhance its beauty and uniqueness. A landscape architect was employed to beautify the grounds and plant nearly every type of tree and shrub that would grow in this climate. These grounds were purchased at a very low price.

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AMONG THOSE PRESENT IN CHICAGO

LEFT: Dr. and Mrs. Gustaf A. Sword, who have retired after 31 years of missionary service in Burma. **CENTER:** Foreign Secretary John E. Skoglund, of the American Baptist Foreign Mission



Society, and Youth Secretary Joel Sorenson of the Baptist World Alliance. **RIGHT:** Rev. and Mrs. William D. Hackett, missionaries now at home on furlough from Burma



ACROSS THE CENTER: Many delegates came to Chicago by car, as evidenced by this scene in the Convention Hall parking lot. The Stock Yard Inn where those who had the price could dine on steak



LEFT: Missionary Walter D. Sutton, at home on furlough from Burma. **CENTER:** Three delegates from the Mount Zion Baptist Church of Chicago. **RIGHT:** Mary Nang Mat Aye, of Taunggyi, Burma

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Unfinished Business

IN high program quality, attendance fidelity, and sustained interest, the Chicago Convention (*see pages 334-339 and 359-365*), easily surpassed most recent conventions. However, when the final benediction was pronounced it was evident that the Convention had left a considerable legacy of unfinished business.

Surely unfinished is the desired closer *rapprochement* between Baptists and Disciples. Auspiciously it was begun some years ago by Dr. Hillyer H. Straton's committee, but his committee is now discharged and its task referred to a section of the General Council. Nobody will forget Dr. George A. Buttrick's historic comment at the memorable Baptist-Disciples joint communion service. "Here in obedience to Christ's command two groups of American Christians love each other enough to join together in the Lord's Supper in remembrance of Him." To many people that communion service seemed like a climax. So it was; yet it is also a milestone on the road to closer relations. We cannot stop now. We cannot turn back. From here there is only one direction. That means unfinished business for the General Council.

Who can measure the unfinished business in the challenges so forcefully presented in Dr. Fowler's mighty sermon, Dr. Van Kirk's masterly world analysis, Prof. Rutenber's brilliant address, and President Gezork's solemn warning about the inner rottenness of American civilization? Do we now shelve these challenges as recorded pieces of convention oratory? If so, then to have listened to them was sheer futility. To take them seri-

ously means immense unfinished business for every American Baptist.

In the same category belong our financial needs for the new fiscal year. The budget to be raised totals \$6,800,000, approximately \$300,000 more than was actually received last year. *It can be done!* But until it is done it constitutes unfinished business.

Initiated at Chicago, but without the unanimity imperative for its success, is a Church Extension Campaign. Its plan, date, program, financial goal, and objective, whether only for church extension or to include education and foreign missions, are referred to a committee of 25 persons. Here is unfinished business of grave importance.

In the same category fall two proposals of concern to every Baptist: (1) changing the fiscal year May 1-April 30 to coincide with the calendar year January 1-December 31, with respectable arguments pro and con; and (2) removing Baptist Headquarters from New York City. These two proposals call for objectivity and sanity lest they be decided entirely by sentiment.

Finally, there is the never finished task of evangelism, vividly set forth by Dr. C. O. Johnson on the last evening. We are undertaking a 20-month nation-wide revival of American Baptist churches. This merits the devotion of every church member in applying the Christian gospel to the great age in which we live. Nothing can be more stimulating or more worthy of achievement than thus to measure up to the command of Christ, "Ye shall be my witnesses!" This is the supreme unfinished business of our time.

The World Today

Current Events of Missionary Interest

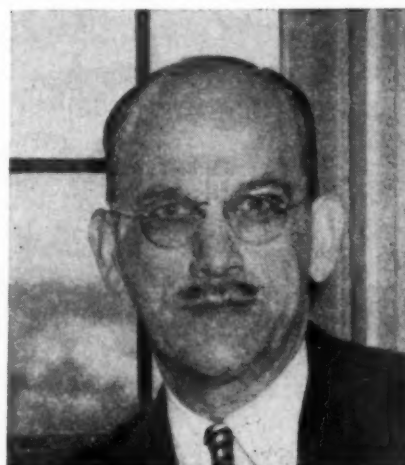
International Christian University Formally Dedicated in Japan

ON the same day (*April 29th*) on which Japan recovered her sovereign independence, although not complete (*see editorial on page 349*), the new International Christian University was formally dedicated at Mitaka, near Tokyo. Dr. Franklin C. Fry, President of the American United Lutheran Church delivered the address. He emphasized the new University as "dedicated to the principles of truth, teaching, and testimony to God and to the blending of religion and education for the whole of life." Representing the Japanese Emperor was Princess Chichibu who expressed the hope that "the University would contribute to the peace and well-being of Japan and of the whole world." Special tribute was paid to the memory of the late Dr. R. E. Diffendorfer, first President of the Japan International Christian University Foundation. Congratulations were received from General M. B. Ridgway, former United Nations Commander in Korea, from the British and the Canadian Ambassadors, and from Secretary for Asia Rajah B. Manikam of the World Council of Churches. President Hachiro Yuasa of the University closed the ceremonies with felicitous response. He cited the occasion as the turning of "a new page in the annals of Christian progress in Japan." A tree-planting ceremony on the 365-acre campus followed. Toward this university 14 denominations in the United States and Canada have contributed more than \$2,000,000. The American Baptists' share amounts to \$45,000 from their World Mission Crusade of 1945-1947 and from later appropriations from their two Foreign Mission Boards.

The Fourth National Conference On Church and State

BAD weather reduced the attendance at the Fourth National Conference on Church and State, in Washington, D. C., April 24, 1952. All day a drenching rain persuaded Washingtonians to remain indoors except those impelled by necessity to venture into the wet streets. Nevertheless a large crowd assembled in Constitution Hall, owned by the D.A.R., to listen to President John A. Mac-

kay of Princeton Theological Seminary deliver a masterly address on "Religion and Government." It is the responsibility of religion, he declared, to proclaim and sustain the spiritual basis of government. Rejecting all forms of secular, totalitarian, and clerical states, he expounded the "lay" state in which government and church meet together only to agree to render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's. It is the responsibility of government to recognize the importance of religion as a determining factor in history and in human society in influencing the thought, character, and attitudes of its citizens. And above all, government must guarantee complete freedom to all religion as well as to irreligion, save only such as threaten public morals or public order.



*Edwin McNeill Poteat, President
of Protestants and Other Americans
United for the Separation of
Church and State*

In the afternoon a rededication service was held in the Thomas Jefferson Memorial where Dr. J. M. Dawson of the Baptist Committee on Public Affairs placed a wreath at the base of the Jefferson statue and Dr. E. M. Poteat, former President of Colgate Rochester Divinity School and now President of Protestants and Other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, familiarly known by the letters POAU, delivered the eulogy to Thomas Jefferson, third President of the United

States whose staunch support of religious liberty was expressed in his immortal words,

No man shall be compelled to frequent or support any religious worship or ministry or shall otherwise suffer on account of his religious opinions or beliefs, but all men shall be free to profess and by argument to maintain their opinions in matters of religion.

Thomas Jefferson also pledged for himself, "I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tryanny over the mind of man."

At a luncheon conference Dr. Leland Stark of Washington's Church of the Epiphany urged continued opposition to the appointment of an American Ambassador to the Pope. Editor John W. Bradbury of *The Watchman Examiner* made a strong plea for financial support of POAU, declaring that "religious liberty is never a cheap commodity. People always have had to pay a high price for it." Executive Director Glenn L. Archer gave an encouraging report of four years of significant, almost spectacular progress, with local PAOU chapters organized in many states across the nation.

Karen Baptist Woman is Appointed Minister in Burma Government Cabinet

ONE of Burma's outstanding Christian women, a graduate of Judson College and in recent months an active participant in plans to reestablish

Judson College at Moulmein (see Dr. Slemph's reference to Judson College on page 342), was recently elected to the Parliament of Burma and has been appointed a member of the Cabinet, with the title, Minister of Karen Affairs. She is Mrs. Ba Maung Chain, a daughter of the late Dr. San C Po, famous Karen physician who was knighted by the King of England for his service to humanity. Dr. Po was for many years a distinguished Karen Baptist layman and a memorial hospital named in his honor was recently established in Bassein (*See MIS-SIONS, March, 1951, pages 152-154*). The husband of Mrs. Chain is Executive Officer of the Public Works Department of Burma. They have two daughters. In recent years during the disturbances and civil war in Burma, Mrs. Chain several times risked her life by going into areas where violence had flared up. By talking to the leaders of both sides she attempted to bring about mutual understanding and cooperation. Thus she has devoted herself to bringing a peaceful solution to the intertribal tensions that have plagued and divided the people of Burma ever since they won their independence from the British Empire. Although the Cabinet position and membership in Parliament will involve much time, Mrs. Chain nevertheless continues her service as President of the Burma Y W C A, and as President of the Burma Christian Council.



Remarkable Remarks

Heard or Reported Here and There

● **THOUGHT CONTROL** wrapped in the American flag is just as repugnant and as dangerous as thought control bearing the stamp of the hammer and sickle.—*Harold F. Hohly*, quoted in *The Living Church*



● **WE MUST MAINTAIN AND** strengthen our American democratic way of life and keep our American economy on an even keel. Otherwise we run the risk, as indeed we are already beginning to do, of committing national suicide in order to prevent Russia from killing us.—*Rev. A. J. Muste*, at a hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee



● **SOMETHING TERRIBLE IS HAPPENING** to America when dissent is called treason and unorthodoxy is called disloyalty to America.—*Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas*

● **IN ORDER TO GAIN PEACE** for the world I would negotiate and talk to anybody, even a Communist.—*Pastor Martin Niemöller*



● **FREEDOM DIES WITH EVERY INDIVIDUAL**; it is not reborn with his successors; it must always be achieved anew, generation by generation.—*President Henry M. Wriston*



● **NO GENERATION OF AMERICANS** has talked so much about freedom as the present generation and none has shown so great a readiness to abandon it.—*Ernest O. Melby*



● **DEMOCRACY NEEDS MORE** free speech rather than less, because even the talking of foolish people is valuable if it serves the purpose of guaranteeing the right of the wise to speak.—*David C. Coyle*

It Happened in Chicago

A SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS AND DECISIONS AT THE CHICAGO CONVENTION

Summarized by WILLIAM B. LIPPARD



A view of the audience at the opening session of the American Baptist Convention, in the International Amphitheatre at Chicago, Ill., May 19, 1952

The Financial Outcome

A HEARTY round of applause was the response to General Director Ralph M. Johnson's announcement about the outcome of the fiscal year 1951-1952. Total receipts amounted to \$6,473,377 as compared with \$5,932,589 for 1950-1951, an increase of \$540,779 or almost 10 per cent. Analyzing the report reveals that \$5,774,294 came through regular giving, \$346,371 through the Foreign Mission special offering last October and \$352,712 through the Home Mission special offering last February. Dr. Johnson also reported that for the past two years American Baptists had raised their level of missionary giving by more than 15 per cent.

The Budget for 1952-1953

ALTHOUGH receipts of the past year could easily have justified a much higher budget for the new year, the Finance Committee decided to be conservative and proposed a budget of \$6,800,000 for 1952-1953. This was

adopted. In order to encourage higher giving and to satisfy churches that believed Baptists can and are prepared to do more, the budget objective for the year has been suggested as \$7,100,000, or only \$600,000 more than was actually raised this past year.

Headquarters Removal from New York

THE Convention appointed a committee of 18 persons, to consider whether or not to remove denominational headquarters from New York City to some city nearer the center of Baptist population. The committee has no power other than to consider and report.

Peacetime Military Conscription

ONCE again the Convention declared its opposition to peacetime military conscription, propagandized as Universal Military Training, commended Congress for having recommitted the U M T Bill, and voiced the hope that all future efforts to enact U M T will be decisively defeated.

From Fiscal to Calendar Year

A PROPOSAL was made and accepted for reference and final action at the next Convention in Denver, Col., that the present missionary fiscal year, May 1 to April 30, be changed to coincide with the calendar year, January 1 to December 31. Arguments pro and con were presented at Chicago. The churches now have a year in which to consider and instruct their delegates how to vote.

Separation of Church and State

THE Convention reaffirmed its opposition to an ambassadorship at the Vatican, and instructed General Secretary Reuben E. Nelson to inform the chairman of each of the national political parties and to request each candidate after he has been nominated to declare his position on this issue of the separation of church and state.

Significant Resolutions

THE Committee on Resolutions had only 30 hours in which to prepare its report. Resolutions followed the customary pattern. They included Chicago hospitality, minimum salaries for pastors, evangelism, stewardship, non-segregation in churches, separation of church and state, peacetime military conscription, interdenominational relations, social evils, public corruption, family life, land reform, civil and religious rights, the obligation to vote, conscientious objectors, and the social implications of foreign missions in view of the world wide revolutionary awakening.

A Proposal From Southern Baptists

IN his vigorous address as a fraternal delegate from the Southern Baptist Convention, its President, Dr. John B. Gray twice offered a suggestion that should be promptly considered. He reminded Baptists at Chicago that the organized denominational life of the Baptists in the United States began in 1814 at Philadelphia with the Triennial Convention. This was in response to the missionary challenge from Adoniram Judson who had become a Baptist on his voyage to India as a Congregational missionary and now offered him-

self as a Baptist missionary in Burma. So Dr. Gray suggested that in 1964, the 150th anniversary of this historic event, all Baptists of the United States commemorate it by a great assembly of Baptists from every state in the United States.

New President and Next Convention

FINAL Chicago enrolment was 3,112 delegates, 8,444 visitors, total 11,556. Next year's Convention will meet in Denver, Col., May 20-26, 1953. New President is Mr. John A. Dawson, well known Chicago Baptist layman and investment banker. The complete list of officers and members of the Boards of Managers of the national societies and boards will be published in the September issue.

The Impregnable M & M Benefit Board

THE Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board reported an increase of \$2,250,000 in assets which now total \$42,485,000. Present market value of investments is \$45,350,000. This is good news for all pastors who are participants in the Board's Pension Fund, for it means unassailable pension security.

A Campaign for Church Extension

THE Convention appointed a committee of 25 to consider a campaign for church extension, the goal, (suggestions range from \$5,000,000 to \$12,000,000), the time, and the program, and to report to the Denver Convention next year. A preliminary report will be made to the General Council at its meeting in January, 1953.



New President John A. Dawson comes in out of the rain to register as a delegate

It Was Said in Chicago

QUOTATIONS FROM CONVENTION ADDRESSES, SPEECHES AND DISCUSSIONS

- THE FAITH AND POLITY of Baptists is based upon simplicity, democracy, and a deep desire to follow as nearly as possible the pattern provided by the early New Testament churches.—*Edward Hughes Pruden*
- THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH is primarily a fellowship rather than an organization.—*Edward Hughes Pruden*
- AMONG MILLIONS OF PEOPLE in Asia whose skin is colored, the best known American cities are not Washington or New York or Boston or San Francisco, but Scottsboro, Ala., and Cicero, Ill., and we all know the reason why.—*Herbert Gezork*
- SHALL IT BE SAID of the United States that we are rich enough to arm the world but too poor to offer a cup of cold water to thirsty people in their desert habitation? Shall it be said of Christian America that we have bombs with which to terrify the aggressors but not bread with which to feed the hungry?—*Walter W. Van Kirk*
- AS CHRISTIANS WE MUST BEAR OUR TESTIMONY to the cause of Christ throughout the world; as Baptists we must set a high standard for the people of the United States.—*John A. Dawson*
- THIS IS NO TIME FOR SECOND HAND CHRISTIAN TESTIMONY. Men and women must know what they testify.—*C. Oscar Johnson*
- THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST is the only global fellowship that holds the actual possibility of the eventual removal of every dividing hostility.—*Jitsuo Morikawa*
- IF ALL OF US HERE AT HOME would display the Christian faith, the Christian convictions, the Christian courage of our missionaries, there would be less difficulty in raising our unified budget and in reaching the unchurched with Christ's saving gospel.—*Marlin D. Farnum*
- CHRIST COMMANDED US to love one another, but instead, we suspect one another, revile one another, hate one another, continually get ready to kill one another, and we actually are killing one another.—*George A. Buttrick*
- BEFORE THE CHURCH CAN DO something about our social evils it must be something. It has often been said, "Let the church be the church." It will be the church by constantly being the instrument of God's ongoing redemption in the world.—*Herbert Gezork*
- THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN PARENTS send their children to Sunday school because they want their children to get only enough religious restraint to see them through adolescence without going to jail or bringing a sex scandal into the family.—*Fenwick T. Fowler*
- IF CHRISTIANITY DOES NOT BEGIN with the individual, it does not begin; and if it ends with the individual it ends.—*George A. Buttrick*
- WHAT THE LATE BISHOP W. H. BRENT said 25 years ago, "the world is too strong for a divided church," is even more true today.—*Herbert Gezork*
- ONE PERSON WHOSE MIND IS UP for a worthy cause can move multitudes.—*John A. Dawson*
- THE VAST STIRRINGS today among the masses across the world mean that, if rightly presented, the gospel can make a greater appeal to them than ever before.—*Kenneth Scott Latourette*
- OUR FATHERS WERE IMPRESSED with the horror that men should die without Christ. We are also impressed with the horror that men should live without Him. Quoted by *Roger Fredrikson*.
- THE REAL ENEMY is not communist aggression but Christian complacency.—*Culbert G. Rutenber*
- SIZE IS NOT A REAL CRITERION of power. Many a little woman's thumb has a man under it.—*Fenwick T. Fowler*
- THE WORLD IS COMING TO BE a neighborhood; but unfortunately it is coming to be a quarrelsome neighborhood.—*Kenneth Scott Latourette*
- TOO MANY CHURCH MEMBERS are decent but not devoted; they are churchly but not Christly; they are saved but they are not soul winners.—*Fenwick T. Fowler*
- ONE DOLLAR AND A HALF a day is the fear offering we pay to our government for defense. One half cent a day is the love offering we pay to our God for missions.—*Culbert G. Rutenber*
- AT THE PRESENT RATE of giving it would take American Baptists more than 1,000 years to do for the peace of Christ in Europe what the national budget plans to do in one year for the peace of Mars in Europe.—*Fenwick T. Fowler*
- OUR MISSIONARY GIVING is more like a thermostat than a thermometer. A thermometer merely reflects the temperature in a room, whereas a thermostat determines it.—*Ralph M. Johnson*
- THE RIGHT TO MAKE AVAILABLE and to safeguard the religious education of their children is one of the inalienable rights of parenthood.—*Richard Hoiland*

● SOME AMERICANS say that American participation in the United Nations and other international agencies costs too much. When they find that peace cannot be bought on the bargain counter of base-ment politics, they figure it would be cheaper to break loose from the rest of the world.—*Walter W. Van Kirk.*

● THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT does not ask of its participating churches, "What can you give up to enable the rest of us to tolerate you?" It asks only, "What can you share with us to increase our own faith?"—*Hampton Adams*

● TODAY UNIFORMITY OF OPINION is more and more held to be the test of American patriotism and any digression from the thought patterns fixed by the self-appointed custodians of our liberties is said to be subversive.—*Walter W. Van Kirk.*

● THIS THIN LINE OF MISSIONARIES on the platform, soon to be scattered to the four corners of the earth, are members of a vanishing race. Once we had almost twice as many missionaries on the fields as we have today.—*Culbert G. Rutenber*

● WE HAVE SET UP ONE CHRISTIAN STANDARD for the minister which is as exacting as possible, and another standard for the layman which is as lenient as possible. This is an insult to all laymen.—*Jitsuo Morikawa*

● WE HAVE A CHRIST who is the Saviour of the world. We have a gospel which in creative ideas and dynamic power far surpasses the ideology of communism. We have on our side the God of history. What are we waiting for?—*Walter W. Van Kirk.*

● WHAT HOLDS BAPTISTS TOGETHER? It is not a creedal commitment nor an ecclesiastical allegiance, but a dedication to "a great gospel for a great age."—*Southern Baptist President John D. Gray.*

● IT IS USELESS to preach a gospel that we do not demonstrate. It is easier to believe in Christ than to incarnate His spirit.—*G. Pitt Beers*

● THE AMERICAN PEOPLE are in danger of losing their freedoms because too many of them are afraid to speak out in defense of any of them.—*Duncan E. Littlefair*

● DURING THIS PAST YEAR we have blazed new trails in our efforts to raise our budget. During the coming

year our task must be to widen the new trails into usable roads.—*Ralph M. Johnson*

● SOME CHRISTIANS are united by authority and others by bigoted pride. We Baptists can be united only by a great loyalty to Christ's commission.—*G. Pitt Beers*

● MAY GOD FORGIVE us if we ever so far forget our responsibility for the needy peoples of the earth that we give ourselves solely to building churches and forget the purpose for which the churches are to exist.—*G. Pitt Beers*

● OUR ULTIMATE SPIRITUAL DESTINY as Baptists finds its conclusion not in a goal that can be measured but in a pilgrimage that never ends.—*Reuben E. Nelson.*

● MANY A BAPTIST MINISTER could wish that his deacons might be as good as the Pharisee.—*Fenwick T. Fowler*

● HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT about growing old? You should give that some thought, for it is just ahead of you.—*Marguerite Hazzard*

● THE GOSPEL IS NOT an abstract scheme of salvation, nor merely the story of a spiritual genius going about doing good. It is the affirmation that in Jesus Christ the new age of God has broken into history.—*Roger Fredrikson*

● WE BAPTISTS HAVE NO CREED but we do have a great content of faith. That needs to be said in this hour for the strengthening of our constituency and as a testimony to a pattern-conscious world.—*Reuben E. Nelson*

● WHY ARE SO MANY AMERICAN CHRISTIANS shaken like reeds before every adverse wind? Given a few scare headlines in the newspapers, or the screaming invectives of a politician in Congress, or the irresponsible chatter of a radio commentator, and these timid American Christians fall prostrate before their wailing walls, utterly broken in spirit, and morally paralyzed.—*Walter W. Van Kirk*

● COOPERATION WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS has not muffled our testimony as Baptists, but it has enlarged our audience.—*Reuben E. Nelson*

● NO PEOPLE HAVE EVER RETAINED their democracy when they have neglected their responsibility for maintaining it.—*Congressman Jerry Voorhis*



Chicago Convention Commentary

EDITORIAL COMMENTS ON INCIDENTS AND PERSONALITIES AT CHICAGO

▼ STRANGE WAS THE SETTING of this Convention, probably the strangest in Baptist history. The huge International Amphitheatre was in the stockyards area. Its vast floor on which sat American Baptists, had often been the scene of a livestock show, with prize cattle, hogs, and sheep on exhibition. Throughout the day and night, giant trailer trucks moved past the hall, filled with cattle and hogs en route on the last mile to the slaughter houses. Over the entire area, and penetrating into the remotest corners of the immense hall and corridors was the familiar stockyards stench. Adjacent to the auditorium was the famous Stock Yard Inn, a comfortable, luxurious hotel whose attractive Sirloin Room Restaurant was heavily patronized throughout the week of the Convention, by the few Baptists whose incomes could meet the fancy steak prices, and by Chicago residents and out of town visitors whose cars, with license plates from well nigh every state in the union, daily filled the spacious parking lot. Transcending these aspects was the solemn, historic fact that in this same hall next month will be nominated the next President of the United States. That fact made many delegates conscious of their civic duties as Christians and their responsibility to vote for the man under whose leadership the United States may be most wisely led in the terrific responsibility which history has placed in its hands.

▼ LOOKING AT THE IMMENSE AUDIENCE on the first of the Baptist Disciples "Fellowship Assemblies" with more than 8,000 persons seated before him, Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden reminded all present that it was impossible to decide who were Baptists and who were Disciples. On this historic evening they looked alike, sang alike, and worshipped alike.

▼ ATTENDING THE ANNUAL DINNER sponsored by the Council on Christian Social Progress which was served in the Stock Yard Inn, many of the 377 persons present fondly anticipated steak instead of the turkey that was served. "Somebody fowled up the arrangements," said a wisecracking Baptist ministerial punster. "Stop beefing about the turkey. It's good," replied another punster across the table. This year the dinner was under joint sponsorship of the Council and the Christian Friendliness Department of the Woman's Home Mission Society.

Mrs. M. B. Hodge brought greetings from American Baptist women. Secretary John W. Thomas praised the service of Mrs. Lilian Watford, the Council's special representative in Washington who terminates her service there. He presented a gift as token of appreciation. Secretary Donald B. Cloward introduced the chief dinner speaker, former Congressman Jerry Voorhis who represented California for ten years. He spoke persuasively, forcefully, and at times with great earnestness, on the important theme of civic duties of church members if the American people are to justify the institutions of freedom which they cherish so ardently. "Freedom belongs only to those who use it," he declared. He bitterly condemned the negligence of Christians who fail to vote, citing the fact that in some cities, notorious for graft and corruption, less than 25% of the Christian voters turn out to vote. Such negligence keeps corrupt municipal, state, and national governments in power. "The only way to have honest government," he concluded, "is to have honest people elected to government."

▼ A WAITER in the Stock Yard Inn, where the more affluent Baptists occasionally had meals because it was so conveniently located next to the auditorium, reported a complaint from the bartender, his liquor sales had declined since the Baptists had arrived. So he commented, "These Baptists have brought the Ten Commandments along with them, and they intend to keep them." Was he right?

▼ THIS PERTINENT and suggestive bit of comment appeared in *The Daily Convention Bulletin*. "You are on historic ground. In this building the next President of the United States will be nominated. Therefore what occurs within these walls in July may well shape the destiny of the entire world. As you leave this building you should pray that those who come here in July may be guided by the same Christian principles which are the foundation of our own convictions."

▼ THE CHICAGO CORRESPONDENT of a Washington newspaper asked Dr. Edward H. Pruden in the lobby of the hotel for an advance copy of the ad-

dress he was scheduled to deliver at the Tuesday evening joint Baptist Disciples Convention. Said the distinguished pastor of Washington's First Baptist Church and last year's President of the American Baptist Convention, "If the apostle Peter had been asked two weeks before Pentecost to furnish an advance typewritten copy of his address, nobody would have been saved." By that reply he meant that rigid adherence to a previously prepared manuscript offers no opportunity for the Holy Spirit to use a great occasion to influence the mind and heart of the speaker and to prompt the response of the audience.

▼ **IMMENSE CREDIT** is due R. Dean Goodwin, Editor of *The Daily Convention Bulletin*, for the superb daily bulletin. It was a well edited, beautifully printed, attractive looking newspaper. There was so much interesting news material in it that one criticism may be ventured. It offered an irresistible temptation to hundreds of delegates to read its newsy pages instead of listening to what was being said from the platform.

▼ **THE COMPLIMENTARY DINNER** for ministers at the Stock Yard Inn, sponsored jointly by the Ministers' Council, and the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board, and paid for by the generosity of a well known Baptist layman, attracted an overflow attendance of more than 500 ministers. Who could resist an invitation to a free dinner at one of America's famous restaurants? Several hundred ministers who heretofore had not been members of the Ministers' Council used the occasion to enroll. Speaker for the occasion was Dr. Charles R. Goff, minister of the Chicago Methodist Temple, located in the heart of the so-called Chicago Loop where it maintains a significant down town ministry. He explained that progress and the statistical growth of both Methodists and Baptists as due to the fact that their pastors and their home missionaries have always kept close to the people and in a pioneering spirit moved with them across the American continent.

▼ **THE LONG DISTANCE**, fully six miles, between down town hotels and the auditorium, and the transportation problem for everybody except those who had their own cars, was most inconvenient. Yet it soon was compensated for by one unusual advantage. People who arrived for the forenoon session, remained for lunch in the cafeteria, or the Stock Yard Inn, or the many restaurants across

the street. Then during the noon interval they milled around in the Exhibit Hall and the Fellowship Hall, attended the afternoon session, again had their dinner in the vicinity, once again spent the interval in fellowship with other delegates, and ended the day at the evening session. Thus large attendance marked each session, and the delightful fellowship resulting from this enforced sojourn in and around the convention hall was something not seen or experienced heretofore. The familiar adage about the ill wind was surely applicable to the transportation difficulty at the Chicago Convention.

▼ **THE THREE JOINT EVENING SESSIONS** of Baptists and Disciples, announced on the program as "Fellowship Assemblies," proved to be exactly as announced. The attendance ranged from 8,000 to more than 10,000 at the Communion Service. Throughout the 123 years since Disciples and Baptists split in 1829, never have so many Baptists and so many Disciples worshipped and fellowshiped together in one place. Here was an augury for the realization of Dr. Pruden's dream when he said, said, "More fellowship of the type we are enjoying tonight and more cooperative activities in promoting the interests of Christ's Kingdom will inevitably lead us into a more visible unity than we have yet achieved." That must have been the prayer of the vast majority of those present. Unfortunately some, whether prompted by sincere doubts, honest misgivings, or merely inherited prejudice, did not so pray.

▼ **THE ANNUAL DINNER** of the American Baptist Historical Society at the Stock Yard Inn attracted 52 persons from 14 states who were interested in Baptist history. President Milton C. Westphal was master of ceremonies. Dr. Sanford Fleming, President of Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, gave the address. Frankly admitting that American Baptists are not a historically minded people, Dr. Fleming declared: (1) that we need to emphasize the importance of church history in general and of Baptist history in particular; (2) that we ought to have more students interested in research, and to find ways and means of making the results of their research available for general use; and (3) that we ought to dedicate ourselves afresh to the task of preserving the records of our Baptist history. Minute books, other records, primary source materials of various kinds, Dr. Fleming said, should be in our Baptist libraries for safekeeping. The Historical Society Library at Chester, Pa., has a large and valuable collection of records, and is constantly seeking more.

You Can Depend on the Baptists of Burma

Whether Burma eventually goes communist or emerges united and free out of the present upheaval, a constituency of more than 200,000 Baptists will continue to be loyal, living witnesses to their Christian faith

By JOHN C. SLEMP

Photos by John C. Slemph



LEFT: Heavy elephant duty at a Moulmein sawmill; CENTER: Thrau Cbit Maung of the Karen Theological Seminary at Insein pointing to one of hundreds of holes made by insurrectionist bullets in the school's infirmary; RIGHT: What war did to the as yet not rebuilt main building of the Kemmendine Girls' School at Rangoon

AT the dinner table in Rangoon the conversation happily turned from the hot and humid tropical weather and the savory food on the table, to the Baptists of Burma—with what fortitude they had weathered the storms of war and insurrection, and the characteristics of their Christian faith. “What is the one word that describes these people?” I asked. “What shall I tell the people of America about them?”

The answers were not slow in coming. One missionary spoke of their implicit confidence of God. Another stressed their unyielding devotion to Christ. Another praised their unflagging zeal for the church. Still another, recalling a verse from the first chapter of *The Gospel of John*, spoke of the light that had been shining in darkness—shining with such constancy that for more than a century the darkness had not been able to put it out. And yet another brought a passage from *The Epistle to the Hebrews* up to date by saying that, despite all the horrors of the recent war, and the added horrors of the civil war that came in its wake, the Baptists of Burma had “through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought

righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong.”

WAR DID NOT BRING PEACE

So there was my story. To borrow Kenneth Scott Latourette's phrase, it is a story of “advance through storm,” and it sounds almost too good to be true. But those who know it best—our missionaries—are sure that it is true indeed. They talk about it with boundless enthusiasm. Besides, the records speak for themselves in the paragraphs that follow.

The end of the Second World War did not bring peace to Burma, just as it did not bring peace to many other lands. Indeed, the ancient feuds, the age-old differences among the several racial groups, tended to increase rather than decrease under the tensions of war. Even the attainment of independence from Great Britain, which occurred in January, 1948, did not settle these differences. The new state took the name “Union of Burma,” but there was never genuine union of the disparate groups. Karen Nationalists and other

insurgents put the young Government of Burma under Thakin Nu to the test of a well-organized insurrection, and caused a reign of terror throughout the land. No one was safe. No one knew what would happen next. Looting and burning and killing were the order of the day. Buildings and communities that had escaped the ravages of the Second World War were bombed to the ground. Thousands of people were killed.

Being a part of Burma, our American Baptist mission stations were by no means spared in this holocaust of insurrection. Sitting behind his massive desk at headquarters in Rangoon, Mission Secretary Gustaf A. Sword, only a few weeks before his retirement after 31 years of service in Burma, told me the heart-breaking story. At Pyinmana, Toungoo, Bassein, Maubin, and Insein the mission stations were attacked, looted, burned, or totally destroyed. Many Christian villages were completely wiped out. Hundreds of people were made homeless and penniless, herded into concentration camps, torn from their families, left to languish on charity, or to die from starvation or disease or both. Our missionaries faced constant danger. One of them, Miss Selma Maxville, was kidnaped and finally killed. It was a time to try men's souls, and a time of testing for the Baptists of Burma.

CONCENTRATION ON RECONSTRUCTION

In view of this widespread destruction, it was only natural that most of the means and

the energies of our Baptist forces in Burma should have been concentrated since 1948 on building and rebuilding. And here is a heartening story in itself. Partly with American Baptist World Mission Crusade funds, but largely with their own money, the Baptists of Burma have set their hearts and hands to the task of reconstruction, and the results are now beginning to show.

Here are a few examples of work that has been completed or is now in progress: at Bhamo, a new school building and two new dormitories; at Myitkyina, new houses for teachers, a new dining hall, and a new kitchen; at Sumprabum, a new church edifice; at Kutkai, a girls' dormitory; a new church building in Mandalay and another at Prome; and, with funds from our Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, a new building for the Karen Women's Bible Training School at Moulmein, of which Miss Marion A. Beebe is director.

ONE CHURCH AND FOUR CONGREGATIONS

Of special importance is the rebuilding of the Immanuel Baptist Church in the heart of Rangoon, on the broad plaza facing City Hall and the towering Sule Pagoda. The new edifice, now under construction, will cost approximately \$50,000, unfurnished. Such a sum goes a long way in Burma. On the ground floor will be an assembly hall and stage, Sunday school classrooms, a small chapel, a library, a kitchen, and the church offices. On



LEFT: Dr. Irene A. Jones confers with Baptist women leaders in Moulmein; CENTER: Burmese Baptist Church, Moulmein, founded by Adoniram Judson in 1827; RIGHT: Mission Secretary Gustaf A. Sword and Mrs. Sword on the eve of their retirement after 31 years in Burma

the second floor will be a chancel-style sanctuary that will seat 500 people.

This church has four congregations—Telugu, Karen, Chinese, and Eurasian or English-speaking. Each has its own pastor and stated times for services. The combined membership is about 1,000. The church is in use seven days a week. On Sunday the services begin at 7:30 A.M., and continue until 6:00 P.M. Even then there never seems to be enough time. Besides its ministry of preaching and teaching, the church maintains a clinic, with three doctors giving time each week to consultation and medical treatment. Church are quite distinct and maintain their

Though the racial groups at Immanuel own services, their sense of fellowship with one another, and their co-operative spirit are worthy of special note. All races are welcomed into the English services. All groups share in the support of the church. All feel that the church is theirs and that they are a part of its total program. Rev. Russell E. Brown, missionary pastor of the English congregation, feels that this interracial emphasis is of vast significance in the heart of a land where racial lines are closely drawn.

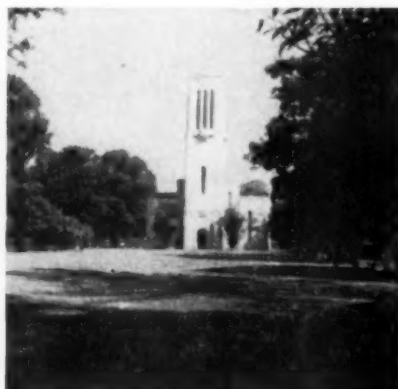
In 1955, Immanuel Church will observe its 100th anniversary. In Burma this church has made Baptist history, and it is making history now. One thing in particular it is saying to us today: Things are not going to pieces in Burma. Our missionary work there is advancing—advancing even through storm.

Another step forward in this advance is the re-establishment of Judson College in Moulmein, under the leadership of Dr. Frederick G. Dickason. The war-damaged Morton Lane High School building, and the old Mission Press Building, originally built by Judson, are now repaired and ready for a modest opening in July. In time, as the school enrolment increases, more buildings will be needed. But of greatest significance now is the fact that this historic college, forced out of Rangoon, is to live once again in Moulmein.

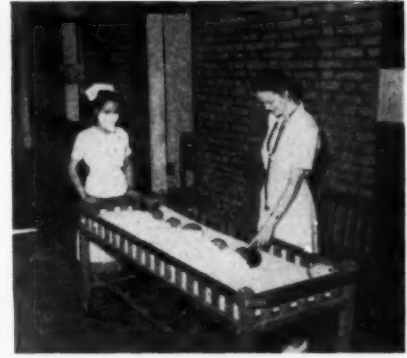
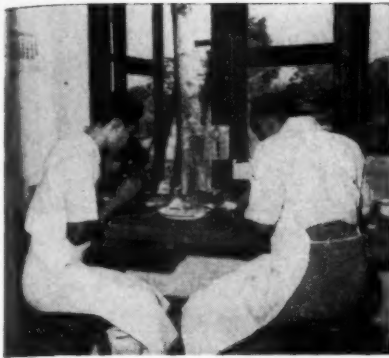
THE NEW JUDSON COLLEGE

The new Judson College is to be a professional and technical school, and of necessity will begin on a limited scale. The department of education will offer courses in education, health and recreation, kindergarten training, the teaching of religious education, the teaching of the natural sciences, and the principles of social work. The secretarial and business department will offer courses in typing, shorthand, bookkeeping, and accounting. By the second year it is hoped that courses may be added in home economics, radio engineering, industrial and applied chemistry, and library science. In later years it is hoped that arrangements may be made with the Ellen Mitchell Memorial Hospital for courses in nursing, clinical technology, dentistry, and optometry.

How can a new college be opened without an appeal for funds? First of all, pre-war



LEFT: Dr. Shusbila and Dr. Abma of the Ellen Mitchell Memorial Hospital at Moulmein; CENTER: Judson Chapel at the University of Rangoon; RIGHT: Chairman Ma Ma Hsu, of the program committee, and President Khin Maung Din, of the University Student Christian Union



LEFT: Laboratory technicians at Ellen Mitchell Memorial Hospital at Moulmein; **CENTER:** Nurses at Ellen Mitchell Memorial Hospital going on duty after morning devotions; **RIGHT:** Dr. Dorothy G. Gates of Ellen Mitchell Memorial Hospital makes sure that the babies start the day right

funds in the amount of \$54,000 are intact and are now ready to be used. Second, when the Government of Burma took over the old Judson campus and buildings after the war (*all except the Judson College Chapel and the chaplain's residence*), the Government made compensation in the amount which American Baptists had invested in building the college back in 1928 to 1930. The total amount thus received, and available now for the new college is \$354,000. Third, designated for this purpose is another \$45,800 from World Mission Crusade funds. So here is enough to get the new Judson College started, and the planning committee is confident that American Baptists will increase their gifts to this worthy cause.

In this connection it may be pointed out that the Judson College Chapel and the chaplain's home, our only remaining properties on the old Judson College Campus, which now is a part of Rangoon University, assume a larger significance than ever before. Missionary W. W. Zimmer now uses these buildings to minister to approximately 250 Christian students in the university, the majority of whom are Baptists. Our next great need in this area is a Christian student center.

In the limits of this article almost nothing can be said about our 16 Christian high schools and our nine theological seminaries and Bible training schools. Each of them has a full-length story all its own. Suffice it to say here that one of them, the Kemmendine Girls' School in Rangoon, has an enrolment of 970

students, and that its main building, completely destroyed during the war, *has not been rebuilt*. How great the need everywhere!

MEDICAL MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

Readers of *MISSIONS* will be happy to know that the Ellen Mitchell Memorial Hospital in Moulmein continues to serve in a worthy way. Missionary staff members are Dr. Dorothy G. Gates, Dr. Anna E. Gray, Nurse Margaret B. Smith, and Business Manager Mary D. Thomas. When Mrs. Slep and I visited the hospital in February, Dr. Mary J. Gifford, after 34 years of service, was saying goodbye, and Nurse Ruth F. Keyser was about to leave on furlough. In training were 50 nurses.

At Moulmein also is our Leper Home, which ministers to about 170 patients. In addition, there are dispensaries at Taunggyi and Yedwinyegan, and trained nurses are doing medical work in such stations as Pangwai, Bhamo, and Sumprabum.

Along with the advance in other areas of our work, there has been steady progress also in evangelism. Even among the Burmans, where Buddhism has its strongest hold, there have been evidences of progress in recent months. Dr. Sword reports having had the joy of baptizing 24 Burmans in Cushing Hall, and of baptizing other large groups at the Kemmendine Girls' School and at the Union Christian High School.

Among the hill tribes, the Chins and the Kachins, the reports are very encouraging—4,200 baptisms in a single year. Reports from



LEFT: Business Manager Mary D. Thomas, Dr. Shushila, Dr. Abma, Nurse Margaret B. Smith, and Dr. Dorothy G. Gates of the Ellen Mitchell Memorial Hospital at Moulmein; CENTER: Mrs. John C. Slemp tells Baptist leaders at Moulmein about America; RIGHT: Sayama Daw Hla Shein, principal, and two other faculty members of Kemmendinge Girls' School at Rangoon

other areas are incomplete or unavailable, notably the Karen areas, but on the basis of figures now in hand, Dr. Sword believes that the number of baptisms in all of Burma must have been close to 20,000 during the past year.

So the churches have advanced through storm. They have forged ahead, even under fire, until now their total membership is approximately 200,000, and the total Baptist constituency is not less than a half-million.

Among the other services of our Burma Mission is the publication of Christian books, pamphlets, and periodicals, under the direction of L. A. Crain. Since the war there has been a growing demand for these materials, and thousands of copies have been distributed. Mr. Crain and his associates are rendering invaluable service also in audio-visual education, especially among the schools.

Another important service has been the work of relief among the thousands made homeless by war and insurrection. In Ran-

goon, I saw dozens of temporary bamboo shelters which had been erected to house these people, one family to a room. The relief committee has used what funds were available to provide clothing, medicines, soap, powdered milk, and other essentials, to these people.

COMMUNISM OR UNITY IN FREEDOM

And so the work goes on. What its future will be, and what the future of Burma will be, of course, nobody knows. But this much would seem to be certain: the Baptists of this troubled land are there to stay. If Burma goes communist, as many observers predict, there will still be a strong Baptist witness. If the differences which caused the insurrection can be settled in time to effect a strong, united Burma, as all freedom-loving people devoutly hope, then our Baptist witness will be there to make its own distinctive contribution. In either development the gospel of Christ will be the leaven to leaven the whole lump.



LEFT: L. A. Crain looks on as his assistant checks an order in the well-supplied stock room of the Department of Christian Publications at Rangoon; CENTER: Children at Insein say thank-you to Dr. Irene A. Jones for gifts through the American White Cross; RIGHT: A section of the periodical rack at Baptist headquarters in Rangoon

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A Monthly Digest from Letters and Reports of Field Correspondents

After Ten Years of Turmoil in Burma

In spite of many discouraging factors, such as the shortage of missionaries, the effects of civil war, the infiltration of Communism, the 44 Baptist missionaries at the 56th annual Burma Mission Conference face the future with optimism, hope, and confidence

By BERTHA DICKASON

FOR their 56th annual conference, 44 Baptist missionaries in Burma met in Rangoon on the lawn of the home of Mission Secretary Gustaf A. Sword. Conference President Herman Tegenfeldt in his opening address pictured the present situation in Burma, citing reasons for optimism and discouragement. It was the 10th anniversary of World War II in Burma. The past ten years meant four years of Japanese control and six postwar years of which three were years of civil war in Burma. He emphasized the current shortage of missionaries. In 1942 there were 147,000 Baptists in Burma and 104 missionaries, a ratio of 1,400 to one. Today there are 200,000 Baptists and only 47 missionaries, a ratio of 4,200 to one. Fortunately God has been raising up leaders in Burma who are carrying on much of the work formerly cared for by missionaries. Unfortunately the prospects for the next year are more losses in missionary personnel. We face a tremendous task in Burma where less than 2% of the population are Christians. The only new missionaries sent to Burma since our conference a year ago are Rev. and Mrs. Russell Brown and they received a hearty welcome.

Our morning devotions were led by Dr. Sword who based his meditations on *Isaiah 30: 15* "In quietness and confidence shall be thy strength." His four periods of worship stressed: (1) Confidence in Jesus Christ without which the driving power of foreign missions is lost. (2) Confidence in God's Word, without which we are powerless to act on His promises. (3) Confidence in our task as missionaries. (4) Confidence in the church, its great world mission, and in the complete victory of Christ and His Kingdom. With numerous quotations from the Bible and with a glowing countenance Dr. Sword inspired us all with these thoughts.

The afternoon devotions were led by newer missionaries and time was provided for prayer.

Our glimpses of the fields were long enough to see the great need and progress of each racial group. All fields expressed the same cry for more workers. We were glad to learn from Dr. Sword that the difficulty of getting new visas to enter Burma is likely to be eased. The Northern Chins represented by Chin Pastor Hau Go, who was recently trained in America, had a fine report showing an increase of more than 2,000 baptisms this year. He warned however of increased political activity there and of Roman Catholic encroachment. At Karenni, according to Rev. William Hackett, there has been great havoc by insurgents, and out of 38 churches only 18 can now be reached. Pastors are carrying on faithfully in the face of great trouble and greatly need the help of a missionary. Mr.



The Burma Baptist Mission Conference photographed in Rangoon

Hackett is due to go on furlough and there is no one to replace him. The Pwo Karens next year will have only one woman missionary who will be located in the Bible school. They must carry on their field work themselves. The Southern Chins have no one to look to when Dr. Condiet, whose retirement is over due, leaves. There is increased Communist activity in many areas. Despite these and other discouraging facts, the work has advanced and souls have been won to Christ, yet we realize how much more might have been accomplished with more help.

We reviewed the new student Christian center at the University of Rangoon with our Judson Chapel and our Chaplain. We hope always to have a fine Christian work going on there. The need now is for rooms for recreation and social meetings.

The new buildings for Kemmendine Girls' School, the Immanuel Baptist Church, and the Karen Women's Bible School, all about

to be rebuilt (as they suffered from bombing), made us realize that American Baptists together with the Burma Baptist Convention are making good progress here despite troubles and difficulties. The Conference voted solidly for the new Judson College to be opened in Moulmein in July.

Unique in this year's conference was a time of fellowship with the church people of Rangoon and suburbs at a musical and tea given by the missionaries. It was well attended and so much appreciated by the Burmese churches that they gave a return tea on the day after our conference. The retiring missionaries were especially honored at these functions. Another pleasant occasion was a rice curry supper given by the Karen Seminary and Bible School at Insein.

Sunday found us all attending church services in Rangoon and in the evening before a full congregation Rev. Paul Lewis delivered the conference sermon on "A Message to the Churches."

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From Encouragement To Despair in South India

Report of the annual conference of Baptist missionaries in South India, at Nellore, December 29, 1951-January 4, 1952

By TRACY GREER GIPSON

THE annual Conference of the American Baptist Telugu Mission was held at Nellore, South India, from December 29, 1951 to January 4, 1952. Those present included Dr. Irene Jones, Home Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society, Dr. and Mrs. M. M. Macleod and two sons, of the Community Church at Ootacamund; The American Consul General at Madras, Mr. Robert Taylor, and his family; Field Secretary Edwin Erickson; 57 missionaries and 30 children.

Using the conference theme, "Holiness and Service," Dr. M. M. Macleod, Dr. Clara Leach, for-

merly of South China but now at Nellore; Rev. R. G. Dexter, new missionary from Maine; and Rev. J. L. Edberg of the General Baptist Convention of Sweden, with their devotional messages set a high spiritual tone.

Two things stand out as one views this year's conference. First of all, the note of encouragement evident last year has become one of enthusiasm, under the chairmanship of Miss Florence Row-

land, who has led the mission for three successive years in mission wide campaigns that have done much to revive the churches and bring inspiration to Indian Christians and missionaries alike.

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wealth, power and high standard of living in America.

We were especially happy to welcome as new members four missionaries sent out to India by the Swedish Baptist Union, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Edberg at Podili; Miss Thyra Engbach at Donakonda and Podili; and Rev. Hugo Johansson at Donakonda Field. Besides these folk from Sweden, Dr. Clara Leach, Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Dexter, Rev. and Mrs. Louis F. Knoll, and Miss Marjanet Worrel were received into our fellowship, and Rev. and Mrs. E. Erick-

son, and Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Manley were welcomed back.

This year's fun night was under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Fishman who lead the group in a musical program built around American Folk Songs.

Annual School of Missions at Lake Geneva

Are you planning on a conference week? Come to the Geneva Lake Summer School of Missions August 3rd to 10th at Conference Point Camp near Williams Bay, Wisconsin. Women

from all walks of life—housewives, business women, professional women, looking forward to a week of Christian fellowship, are already registering. The general theme is "Forward Through Faith." The foreign study will be "Africa" while the home program will focus on "Home Missions and Human Rights." For additional information write to the President, Mrs. Estella Erb, 41 N. Franklin Ave., Naperville, Ill., or to the Registrar, Miss Margaret Webb, 483 South State Street, Elgin, Ill.

■ PERSONALITIES ■

A Congo Briefing Party In California

Before starting on their long journey from California as new missionaries to Belgian Congo, Rev. and Mrs. Norman G. Riddle, who sail from New York in August, spent a day at the home of Mrs. Peter Frederickson, in Pasadena. She is the widow of Peter Frederickson who died in 1929. For 40 years they served as missionaries in Belgian Congo. Both were honored by the King of Belgium. So the newly appointed Riddles came for a "briefing" about the Congo field, its history, people, customs, arts, superstitions, and progress in the Christian faith. In the afternoon members of the Pasadena church joined the "briefing" party and enjoyed refreshments, served by Mrs. Frederickson's daughters, Elizabeth and Lila. In the photograph Mrs. Frederickson, now in her 88th year, is admiring baby Carol Riddle, now in her first year. The photograph was taken by Rev. S. Fraser Langford of Los Angeles, Cal.



Mrs. Peter Frederickson, 87-year old veteran missionary from Belgian Congo, now in retirement in Pasadena, Cal., with Mrs. Norman G. Riddle, new missionary to Belgian Congo, and her baby Carol. Mr. and Mrs. Riddle sail for Congo in August

Southern Baptist Seminary Under New Young President

Dr. Duke K. McCall, former Executive Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention who at the age of 37 succeeded the late Dr. Ellis A. Fuller as President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., is probably the youngest theological seminary president in any denomination throughout the United States. A long and influential ca-

reer in theological education should be anticipated. He knows the world as few Baptists in position of leadership know it, for he has traveled in 35 foreign countries, in Europe, Asia, North and South America. Last year he made a survey of mission fields to consider the reassignment of Southern Baptist missionaries made necessary by the advance of communism in Asia. He knows the world fellowship of Baptists, for he attended the Baptist World Congress in 1947 at Copenhagen and again at Cleveland in 1950. His masterly handling of the affairs of the Southern Baptist Convention during his executive secretaryship have given him a high reputation for administrative and executive ability. At Louisville he will guide the ministerial preparation of more than 1,200 students from 35 states and six foreign countries. He should also be able to impart to them an ecumenical-mindedness and a spirit of cooperation with other Christians for he was at Amsterdam in 1948, not as a delegate but as an unofficial observer, at the first assembly

of the World Council of Churches. He is thus aware of the paramount need of the Baptist witness and testimony in the ecumenical fellowship of Christianity. With so many global pressures now exerted against evangelical Christianity, such as secularism, materialism, fascism, communism, clericalism, atheism, it is more than ever true among Protestants that united we have a chance to stand, whereas divided we are likely to fall.

A Summer Preaching Mission To Ireland and England

The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States is sending a summer preaching mission of eight American preachers on a two-months tour of England and Ireland. Among the eight preachers are two American Baptists, Dr. Robert James McCracken of New York's Riverside Church, and Rev. Gordon Torgersen of the First Baptist Church of Worcester, Mass. While the eight men are in England a group of eight British preachers will be on a similar preaching mission in the



Gordon M. Torgersen

United States. A busy schedule is arranged for all eight preachers, every Sunday in churches, and every day preaching at noon-day luncheon meetings. Mr. Torgersen will spend two weeks in Ireland and four weeks in England. Upon completing his assignments, Dr. McCracken will go to Lund, Sweden, as one of five American Baptist delegates to the World Conference on Faith and Order which meets there August 15-27. (See *MISSIONS*, May, 1952, page 269.) The four other Baptists are Dr. Reuben E. Nelson, Dr. John Skoglund, Dr. Herbert Gezork, and Dr. Edward H. Pruden.

Dr. John C. Slemph Returns from World Tour

Dr. John C. Slemph, Associate Editor of *MISSIONS*, and Mrs. Slemph, arrived safely in New York City on May 2nd on their return from their memorable world tour of Baptist mission fields in Asia and Africa. He reported some of his impressions to the American Baptist Convention at the Thursday afternoon session. (See page 365.) Beginning with his report on Japan in the April issue and continuing through the present calendar year, *MISSIONS* will feature his series of journalistic articles based on that tour. Everywhere Dr. and Mrs. Slemph endeared themselves to the missionaries. Typical of many comments is that from Field Secretary Edwin Erickson of South India, "In spite of the fact that they had already done over 70 days of travel since their departure from New York in January, they had the enthusiasm of visitors who are only on the first week of their tour. Give us more visitors like the Slemphs." During the summer Dr. Slemph will attend the first meeting of the European Baptist

Federation at Copenhagen, Denmark, and the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance in Töllöse, Denmark. In the fall he is scheduled to speak at several Baptist State Conventions.

Stewardship Responsibility With Board of Education

Responsibility for Stewardship which heretofore had been a Department of the Council on Missionary Cooperation under the leadership of Secretary Paul H. Conrad, is now placed with the Board of Education and assigned to its Department of Missionary Education. The expanded department is now known as The Department of Missionary and Stewardship Education. Director of the expanded Department is William J. Keech who plans to relate Stewardship to all areas and age groups where the church has any educational responsibility, and to effect a greater integration of Stewardship in the teaching ministry of the church. Dr. Conrad resigned last summer in order to accept the call to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Portchester, N. Y.



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Are You Patriotic Or Only Patriotistic?

NEXT month brings the 176th birthday of the United States of America, to be celebrated by fireworks, where such are allowed, martial music, military parades, flag displaying and flag saluting, bombastic speeches by Congressmen, Senators, Mayors, other officials, and much holiday drinking. The long week-end will tax the capacity of railroads, planes, buses, and cars. Probably more than 1,000 people will die in highway accidents. In other years the firecracker killed thousands of children and adults on the 4th of July. Today the killer is the automobile with its careless and drunken driver. All this, done in the cause of patriotism, seems so childish, superficial, moronic because it accentuates the basic distinction between being patriotic and being patriotistic.

For many years the famous and now fortunately discarded motto, which a leading newspaper blazoned across its editorial masthead, "My country, right or wrong!", was the accepted philosophy of too many patriotistic Americans. Today the truly patriotic Ameri-

can accepts Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell's revised version. From New York's Fifth Avenue Presbyterian pulpit he said, "My country, when wrong, to be made right; when right, to be kept right."

A gaudy display of nationalism, a denial of free speech, free press, and freedom of religion to those with whom we disagree, resort to character assassination, support of the new charge of guilt by association, and of the subversive doctrine that a man is guilty until he proves his innocence—these are the characteristics of the patriotist and not of the patriot. Patriotism does not require banners, slogans, uniforms. It is not evidenced by membership in organizations limited to persons whose ancestors crossed the ocean in a certain boat. It does not wax eloquent in denouncing other lands. It does not advocate withdrawal from the United Nations, or in getting tough with people and nations whose ideas and practices we disapprove. "True patriotism," said former President Mary E. Woolley of Mount Holyoke College, "exemplifies in the 20th century the ancient truth that righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

On the 4th of July too many Americans emphasize their patriotism by insisting on rights, benefits, and privileges, disregarding their responsibilities and duties. All rights and privileges carry inescapable obligations. We preserve our freedom only by persevering for it. We keep the values of democracy only by continually applying them and by granting them to all regardless of color, race, or creed. Thus to identify patriotism with the promotion of national righteousness links it with the task of the Christian church in helping to create a country in which dwell honor, justice and freedom, a nation of which its citizens never need be ashamed, a land of righteousness and peace.

The Japanese Peace Treaty And the American Empire

SINCE April 28th, when the Peace Treaty with Japan was deposited in the archives at Washington, we are again officially at

peace with Japan. For the sake of the record some disquieting observations must be mentioned. Pearl Harbor Day, December 7th, which President Roosevelt stigmatized as "Day of Infamy," now becomes an embarrassing anniversary because we are reviving Japanese militarism as an ally in our feverish military crusade against communism. The Treaty does not grant complete sovereignty to Japan. Russia is permitted to keep Japanese territory which President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill at their famous Yalta Conference with Dictator Stalin, handed to Russia as a bribe for Russia's later six-day feeble participation in the war against Japan. American Army occupation of Japan, technically at an end, remains under another name. Japan becomes a U. S. military base against Asiatic communism and to crush communist uprisings in Japan. In promoting Japanese rearmament we by-pass the Japanese Constitution which renounces war and the use of force. To all Americans who died in World War II we violate a sacred pledge that Japan was to be forever disarmed. Moreover Japan is to be discouraged from trading with China. That makes Japanese economic independence impossible without immense American subsidies paid by your income tax. The lucrative pre-war trade between Japan and China is handed to Russia. To imagine that a rearmed Japan will be a mighty ally against communism reveals again the illusion of relying solely on military force to check a dynamic, expanding, global communist crusade. Meanwhile the U. S. Army is building a gigantic, superpowerful base on Okinawa where thousands of Americans gave their lives. It will cost \$350,000,000 to be paid by your income tax, and will include acres of concrete permanent buildings to house thousands of American families of military personnel and civilian employees. "Obviously we mean to hold on to this island," reported O. D. Russell in *The New York World Telegram*. As a treaty of reconciliation and not of vengeance the Treaty with Japan is a rare phenomenon in history. For that we can truly give thanks. Yet it ominously reveals the expansion of an

immense American Empire supported by the global might of these powerful United States. Have the American people the necessary moral and spiritual power wisely to use and direct the unparalleled political and military power that has fallen into their hands? One way to acquire such spiritual power would be through an expansion in personnel and support of the Christian world mission of the American churches. He who reads history knows that down the centuries and across the continents every empire has gone the way of all flesh. Somewhere in the future will that also be our fate?

The Pious Perfunctoriness Of Prescribed Public Prayer

NEXT month two national political conventions will meet to nominate presidential candidates and to formulate platforms on which to appeal for votes. Both conventions will again pay perfunctory tribute to American religious sentiment and open each day's session with prayer. They will thus evidence the shallow hypocrisy into which much prescribed public prayer has fallen. At a similar previous convention, which MISSIONS in political neutrality does not identify, a newspaper columnist described the proceedings:

The convention began each day with prayer. The clergyman arrived with a written prayer which he spoke at the top of his voice into a battery of microphones. Directly behind him stood a stenographer recording his prayer. All about him were photographers taking flashlight snapshots. From the gallery, flood lights for moving pictures threw a fierce glare upon him as he read his prayer. Within 50 feet reporters pounded on their typewriters. *There was little pretense that the convention was praying; it was merely acting out a prayer as part of its publicity scenario.* (Italics by MISSIONS.)

A Protestant minister, a Catholic priest, and a Jewish rabbi took turns for each daily prayer which was heard by millions of Americans over their radios. This year television will bring the entire procedure into millions of homes. Whether such prayers are heard by Him to whom they are supposed to be addressed must be left to conjecture.

Prescribed public prayer is a feature at all political, municipal, patriotic, military, and club banquets. How incongruous it must seem when a minister is selected by the Program Committee to thank God for the food on a political banquet table for which the guests have paid \$100 per plate. Prescribed public prayer is also characteristic of ecclesiastical conferences. For some years the Constitution of the former General Baptist Board of Promotion of the American Baptist Convention included the By-Law command, "Each session *shall be opened* with prayer."

When prayer ceases to be a spontaneous aspiration rising from the devout and worshipful heart and becomes a By-Law prescribed public ceremony, a convention publicity scenario asset, a conspicuous but perfunctory program ritual, then its devotional significance fades away, its spiritual blessing vanishes, and its value as worship disappears.

American Christianity needs to review the procedure of public prayer and to take steps to eliminate its pious hypocrisy and its travesty of public worship, and to abandon its prescribed radio microphonization and its televised mechanization. Public prayer can too easily become a meaningless, sterile and futile ritualistic relic, whereas prayer is a thing of divine beauty and an instrument of divine grace.

Grave Clergy Shortage in England Prompts an Unusual American Visit

THE recent American visit of Anglican Bishop Frank Russell Barry of Southwell, England, focussed attention on his unusual errand. He came to the United States to investigate American methods in recruiting young men for the ministry. In England the shortage of ministers is causing grave alarm. Since 1900 the population of England has increased by 25% while the number of Anglican ministers has decreased by the same percentage. Each year the Church of England needs 600 new ministers merely to replace those who die or retire, yet last year only 403 ministers were ordained and only 356 students entered divinity schools.

The Bishop cited five reasons. (1) Postwar England is short of manpower in all realms of life and the ministry is no exception. (2) Two generations of young men have been depleted by two world wars and the effect is felt in the ministry as in other occupations. (3) England is experiencing a serious retrogression in religious belief, practice, and living, and the claims of the church for new leadership have not registered with young men. (4) The Church of England has lost the status it once had, and sons of prominent English families are no longer attracted to the ministry. (5) The high cost of living and low ministerial salaries make young men hesitate to enter a career whose chief characteristic is financial insecurity.

Probably a similar shortage of ministers and ministerial students exists in the American Baptist Church. Perhaps the same reasons cited by the Bishop are operative here. Certainly the high cost of living calls for a substantial upward revision of ministerial salaries. Although the minister should always exemplify an abiding faith that the Lord will provide, he needs also the assurance that his congregation will gladly be the Lord's providing agent. And something must be done to restore the high calling of the ministry in the minds of young men as a desirable, significant, challenging career.

Our Baptist theological seminaries, colleges, schools, which have been carrying their customary spring announcements in the past four issues of MISSIONS, and the student pastor ministry of our Board of Education, are greatly in need of more adequate support, so that they can furnish Christian education for Baptist young people and provide adequate preparation for the ministry. It will be a sorry day for American Baptists if our churches fail to support the institutions and the agencies on which they must depend for tomorrow's leadership.

Editorial Comment

★ FOR THE SUBJECT of its 47th annual meeting in the Grand Ballroom of New York's Commodore Hotel, the League for Industrial Democracy chose,

"Needed: A Moral Awakening in America." One session discussed, "Higher Ethical Standards in our Education and Culture." Another had as a topic, "Industry in Need of a Moral Awakening." The final session chose a most appropriate and currently relevant theme, "Corruption in Politics." In these days of the repudiation of moral standards and the feverish search for all kinds of political, social, financial, military remedies for humanity's ills and recurring crises, it is encouraging to have the basic need of a moral awakening recognized by an organization primarily concerned over democracy in industry. The Christian church should take courage from this evidence of its influence in American life. Concern over the need of a moral awakening could only have come out of the Christian emphasis on regeneration and out of the calls to repentance that go back to John the Baptist and the ancient prophets.

★ AS A FINAL EFFORT to establish an American Embassy at the Vatican, the Department of State in Washington, D. C., in its budget of \$79,000,000 for 1952-1953 included \$70,000 for an Embassy at the Vatican in the event that President Truman appointed an Ambassador in place of General Mark Clark who declined to serve. Promptly criticized by members of Congress, a State Department spokesman acknowledged that this was a political blunder. Congress thereupon deleted the \$70,000 and declared no funds available to support an Ambassador to the Pope unless and until the Senate approves the appointment. This means that President Truman cannot now make an interim appointment after Congress adjourns. Nor can he by-pass the Senate, as did Mr. Roosevelt before him, and appoint a personal representative, like Mr. Myron C. Taylor with the rank of Ambassador, unless the President decides to finance such an office out of his own executive funds. Apparently last winter's controversy over an Ambassador to the Pope is ended unless the new President whom the American people elect in November reopens it after his inauguration in January, 1953. One way to prevent that would be for thousands of voters to ask each presidential candidate for a clear and unequivocal statement of his position on this issue before election day. It would also help if each political party platform included a pledge in support of the principle of the separation of church and state.

★ DID YOU READ IN *MISSIONS* (see May issue page 288) the report of the compulsory closing of places of business, Catholic, Protestant, Jewish on a Roman Catholic religious holiday in Montreal?

THE GREAT DELUSION

Number 192

THIS OVERGROWN COW TOWN!

THE people of Denver, Colorado, where the American Baptist Convention will meet next year (see page 335), were rightly offended at the insult to their lovely city by the liquor traffic. On the roof of a downtown office building a big whiskey distiller had erected an immense model of a whiskey bottle, 38 feet high with a capacity of 400,000 quarts of whiskey. Against this advertising stunt, preachers, newspaper editors, citizens, prohibitionists, registered loud complaints. The mammoth bottle blocked the view of the Rocky Mountains from adjacent office buildings. Letters of protest poured into City Hall. The Mayor had to make a 30-minute apologetic radio talk. The City Engineer climbed to the roof of the building to see if the bottle complied with construction regulations. A newspaper editorial severely criticized the bottle as an "inglorious thing" that disfigured the view of the mountains.

All this made the whiskey distiller angry. His spokesman denounced Denver as, "this overgrown cow town". So he became the center of protest instead of the bottle. Then the distiller ran full page advertisements in apology.

Here is just one more instance of the stranglehold which the liquor traffic is securing in American life. It cares nothing for sentiment, good taste, decency, civic pride, so long as it can advertise its wares, expand its traffic, reduce its taxes, increase its fabulous profits.

When the American people voted for the repeal of prohibition in 1933 they never dreamed that the time would come when the liquor traffic would call the lovely city of Denver an overgrown cow town, would block the majestic view of the Rocky Mountains by a huge whiskey bottle, and would give the impression of a barroom in the sky.

That this could also happen in the United States, if a majority in Congress were Roman Catholics, was intimated just before Easter in a section of the Bronx in New York City. Lay members of the Sacred Heart Church, most of them Knights of Columbus, distributed 2,000 cards to stores in the parish requesting them to close for three hours on Good Friday. When Jewish store owners decided to remain open, many were threatened with boy-

cott. According to the story in *The New York Times*, there was great tension in the neighborhood over this attempt to persuade Jews to fall in line with Catholic observance of Good Friday. One Jewish shopkeeper said, "We do not ask Catholics to close their businesses on Jewish holidays. Why should we close on their holidays?" Fortunately the priest denied that the distribution of the cards had been officially sponsored, but he admitted that "imprudent" and "impulsive" approaches might

have been used toward Jewish shopkeepers. Although Good Friday is a sacred day for Catholic and Protestant, for either Catholic or Protestant to coerce any Jew into observing it would be an unjustifiable violation of the American principle of freedom in religion. What Thomas Jefferson said is surely applicable here. "No man shall be compelled to frequent or support any religious worship or ministry." In that assertion he would certainly have included "or observe any religious holiday."



THE LIBRARY

Reviews of Current Books and Announcements by Publishers

✿ **FAITH MUST BE LIVED**, prescriptions in Christian Psychology, by *Harry Milton Taylor* is a book of brief addresses or sermons based on the three-fold thesis that we need God, that God is adequate for our needs, and that God needs us to complete His purpose. These three attitudes may be expressed by three words: humility, trust, and service. The book deals with such practical problems as people's nerves, tension, worry, guilt, fear, pain, depression, moods, vitality, maturity, prayer, success. There is much good advice and common sense in these chapters. The author, who is now a minister and was previously a teacher of systematic theology, is much at home in clinical and practical psychology and really knows how to help people with their problems. Although he does not want this book to be classed with called "self-help" books, yet there is little difference between it and many other similar books. Why should we disparage books which seek to help people? However, it is necessary that the minister know his own limits. He ought to know when to send a person to a doctor. He ought to know when a person is mentally unbalanced and needs psychiatric help. But the minister who really takes an

interest in people can be of immeasurable help in the ordinary problems of life. No apology should ever be made for this kind of ministry. This is a good book, and no one can read it without gaining help from it. (Harper and Brothers; 188 pages; \$2.50.)

✿ **PASTORAL CARE**, edited by *J. Richard Spann*, is a symposium in which each chapter is written by a different man. The first part of the book deals with the background of pastoral care, and includes chapters on history and general principles, the qualifications and preparation that a man

needs for this kind of ministry, the ethics of this kind of work, and the building and administering of a program. There is also a chapter on pastoral care through Christian education. The second part of the book deals with specific groups of people to whom the minister is related in his pastoral ministry: children, youth, young newlyweds, middle-aged people, old people, people with problems, the sick, alcoholics, the mentally ill. Much excellent advice is given in this book. The minister would do well to read it. He will not agree with all of it. For instance, the man who writes the chapter on people who are mentally sick, urges that the minister call on a person in such an institution immediately so that the inmate has the idea that the minister will go anywhere to help him. Yet every minister knows that he can call on such a person only if the doctor permits it. Often the doctor does not want even the minister to see a mental patient until the patient is well along in the process of recovery. (Abingdon-Cokesbury Press; 272 pages; \$2.50.)

✿ **JOYFUL JOURNEY**, by *Isabel Crawford*, is the author's third book about her experiences in missionary service among the

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✿ **IN SEARCH**, by Meyer Levin, which was reviewed on page 228 in April, 1952, inadvertently omitted the name of the publisher and the price of the book. The price is \$3.75 and the publisher is Horizon Press.

✿ **INCENTIVE MANAGEMENT**, by James F. Lincoln, for 38 years executive head of the Lincoln Electric Company, tells how his firm grew from bankruptcy to become the leader in its field through a plan of rewards commensurate with service rendered. His employees are the world's highest paid industrial workers. They are also the most satisfied. They have never lost an hour's pay through strikes. Individual workers are encouraged to develop their latent possibilities, and their abilities are rewarded with promotions and higher wages. The highest possible production benefits the consumer by lower prices. Greater output yields increased profits. Profits are divided between management and workers.

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✿ **THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S**, by Abraham J. Heschel, is an historical record interpreting in cultural and spiritual terms the extent to which the world is poorer by Nazi annihilation of 8,000,000 Jews in Europe,—a people whose heritage in the land dated back 2000 years, and who had helped create its economy, general culture, and preserve the legacy of the prophets and sages. The book offers spiritual enlightenment and historic meaning for all people. (Schuman; 107 pages; \$2.50.)

Books Received

BACK DOOR TO WAR, The Foreign Policy of Franklin D. Roosevelt, by Charles Callan Tansill, Henry Regnery Co., 690 pages, \$6.50

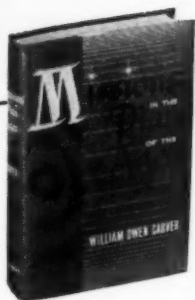
FREEDOM IS THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE, An Inquiry into the Battle for the American Future, by Archibald MacLeish, The Beacon Press, 186 pages, \$2.75

MARCHING OFF THE MAP, and 21 other sermons, by Halford E. Luccock, Harper and Brothers, 192 pages, \$2.50

POSSIBILITIES UNLIMITED, A Scientist's Approach to Christianity, by Daniel Luzon Morris, Harper and Brothers, 186 pages, \$2.50

THE CHURCH IN COMMUNITY ACTION, How to make Christianity a vital force in social improvement, by Harvey Seifert, Abingdon-Cokesbury, 240 pages, \$2.75

FLORENCE ALLSHORN, A Biography of one of the best known British missionaries of our time, by J. H. Oldham, Harper and Brothers, 168 pages, \$2.75



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AND BE BAPTIZED, A minister's Handbook on Baptism, by *Kenneth I. Brown*, The Judson Press, 88 pages, \$1.50

THE CHALLENGE TO ISOLATION, 1937-1940, A Survey of the World Crisis and American Foreign Policy, by *William L. Langer* and *S. Everett Gleason*, Harper and Brothers, 795 pages, \$7.50

PRAYER, according to the Catechisms of the Reformation, by *Karl Barth*, stenographic records of three seminars, translated by *Sara F. Terrien*, Westminster Press, 78 pages, \$1.50

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FOUNDATIONS FOR FREEDOM, A Consideration of the Heritage of Baptists and their Contribution to American Life, by *W. Earle Smith*, Judson Press, 112 pages, \$1.50

RELIGION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF AMERICAN CULTURE, a companion volume to **RELIGION IN COLONIAL AMERICA**, by *William Warren Street*, Charles Scribner's Sons, 338 pages, \$3.50.

PRESBYTERIAN PANORAMA, A survey of 150 years of national missions history, prepared for the 150th anniversary in 1952 of Presbyterian home missions in the United States, by *Clifford Merrill Drury*, Published by Presbyterian Board of Christian Education, 458 pages, \$3.75.

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By WILLIAM B. LIPPHARD



*Editors of the Protestant church press on the steps of the Pentagon in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg, Assistant Secretary of Defense, stands between the Editor of **MISSIONS**, and Editor George Walker Buckner, Jr., of the Disciples magazine **WORLD CALL**.*

MORE than 80 editors and associates of more than 60 Protestant church papers met in Washington, D. C., April 16-18, 1952 for the 33rd annual meeting of **THE ASSOCIATED CHURCH PRESS**. This organization now includes 111 periodicals with a combined circulation of nearly 6,000,000, a huge and significant circulation. Five new papers were elected into membership at the opening session.

Top program feature was a reception by the President of the United States in the White House Rose Garden where he spoke briefly and informally. He reminded the editors that if things go wrong in government, the fault

can usually be traced back to an uninformed citizenry. "If you do not take an interest in your local government, in your county and state governments, and in your national government," warned Mr. Truman, "then there is nobody to blame but you, because you are the government of the United States." After his brief talk he obligingly posed with his editorial guests for a photograph. The occasion was televised. Probably thousands of American homes witnessed this delightful fellowship between President and church editors.

The preceding day had had its forenoon session at the Pentagon for an impressive "briefing con-

ference" on The American Defense Program. Among "briefing" participants were Secretary of Defense Robert A. Lovett; Assistant Secretary Anna M. Rosenberg, who expressed her deep concern over "the lack of respect shown by American civilians toward men and women in American uniform," and who urged the establishment of universal military training; General A. R. Ginsburgh who reviewed the current military situation; Mr. Frank C. Nash who discussed international security and peace; and Admiral S. W. Salisbury, Chief of Navy Chaplains, who praised the moral training and the religious facilities available to the armed forces.

The editors were not sufficiently impressed to change their opinions on universal military training. At a later business session they reaffirmed their frequently heretofore expressed opposition to Peacetime Military Conscription, and declared that "such a peacetime military program has no relation to the prosecution of the present defense effort. It actually constitutes a permanent form of regimentation inconsistent with the democratic process."

The annual fellowship dinner at the Luther Place Memorial Church had 86 present. Editor Harold E. Fey of *The Christian Century*, as the speaker, gave an "off the record" report of his recent visit to Korea.

Other program speakers included Editor Devere Allen of *Worldover Press*; George Dugan of *The New York Times* who was awarded a certificate of merit "for distinguished service in religious journalism"; Dr. William Adams Brown, Jr., of the Brookings Institute, who discussed, "What America Expects from the Church Press," one expecta-

tion being that of "influencing the moral standards of life in today's world-wide struggle for the control of men's minds"; Editor Phillips P. Elliott of *The Presbyterian Tribune* who called for a more spiritual emphasis in the church press; and Editor Richard R. Wood, of *The Friend*, who set forth "The Function of the Church Press Today." In a masterly analysis of the issue between Protestantism and Roman Catholicism, President John A. Mackay of Princeton Theological Seminary held unflagging attention for more than an hour as he discussed, "Protestant Strategy and the Vatican." Helpful to every editor present was a symposium by six editors, Henry L. McCorkle of *Presbyterian Life*, Aubrey N. Brown of *Presbyterian Outlook*, A. L. Goodrich of *The Baptist Record*, A. J. Wilson of *The United Church Observer*, L. D. Cartwright of *The Christian Evangelist*, and R. D. Hughes of *The War Cry* (Salvation Army), who discussed respectively how to improve the church press in news, denominational emphasis,

circulation, ecumenical content, interpretation of controversy, and in editorial writing.

Once again the editors voted their unalterable opposition to the appointment of an American Ambassador to the Pope.

Speaker at the final luncheon session was Baptist Congressman O. K. Armstrong of Missouri. He gave a challenging address on the decline in moral principle throughout the world. It is not reassuring to recall that on the same day that Congress voted America's colossal military budget, thus signifying America's dependence on military might rather than on moral force, the American delegation to the United Nations should have sided against the desire of independence by Tunisia.

Twelve papers received Awards of Merit in a competition in four categories. Judges were four outstanding authorities in the fields of journalism. Those awarded FIRST places included *The Lutheran*, for eminence in news coverage, *WORLD OUTLOOK*, for eminence in general appearance, *WORLD OUTLOOK*, for eminence in use of photographs, and *MISSIONS*, for eminence in editorials. A reproduction of *MISSIONS'* certificate is published in the adjacent columns. An Award of Merit was also made to Editor Guy Emery Shipler, of *The Churchman*, for his distinguished service in the field of church publications and religious journalism and for 35 years of brilliant editorship.

Editor George Walker Buckner, Jr. of *World Call* (Disciples) continues for another year as President of THE ASSOCIATED CHURCH PRESS and Editor William B. Lippard of *MISSIONS* continues as Executive Secretary.

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The Baptist Minister of Tomorrow

A former pastor discusses an aspect of the Christian ministry which needs periodic attention and emphasis

By LYLE OSBORNE BRISTOL

AMID the criticisms of the ministry, the indifference of so many church members, and the seemingly overwhelming power of evil, the man who enters the Christian ministry today must be certain that he does so because he cannot and dare not enter any other service. He must know that God has chosen him to be a leader, a preacher, a teacher, and a pastor. Only with this certainty will he be able to minister as he ought for God.

Among many denominational leaders there is a growing concern about the future of our Baptist ministry. This is a healthy and heartening sign. For only as the ministry is able and prepared to lead our congregations will the cause of Christ be strong both in our own denomination and in interdenominational cooperation. The important need is to arouse the members of our churches to an interest in our future ministers. There are certain considerations which we must keep before us if we are to have the best possible leadership in the days ahead.

Into our Sunday Schools come boys and girls of differing backgrounds and abilities. While it is difficult to describe personality, it is obvious that we all know what we mean when we talk about it. Some people have personality to a greater extent than do others. It is the responsibility of the Sunday school and the church to make sure that they produce persons with Christian personality. There must come a time in the life of each person when he is confronted with the need to decide for Jesus Christ. Here is the first challenge offered to our boys and girls. It is obvious that the Christian minister is expected to have a fine, strong positive Christian personality. Therefore we ought to seek out young people with this personality qualification to challenge them to full-time Christian service.

Of course we cannot force the career of the Christian ministry on anyone, but we can and we must make it a matter for the consideration and decision of young people. When the way has been prepared, all we can do is to await the call of God upon some of our young people.

Throughout Christian history it has been stressed again and again that no one ought to enter the ministry unless he has been called to it by God. That

it true. But what we sometimes forget is that God does not call everyone in exactly the same way. For some, the call will come with the suddenness and clarity of the blinding light that shone upon Saul of Tarsus on the Damascus road. For others, the call will come through the quiet and effective influence of a Christian minister or teacher. For still others, the call will come through a combination of circumstances, but it will be none the less real.

When the challenge has been met and the call has been answered, the next step for the future minister is adequate training. Wherever the Christian ministry is discussed, sooner or later someone will be sure to point out that there have been giants of the pulpit who had little in the way of formal training. From this the inference is sometimes drawn that training is a secondary consideration, provided the sense of devotion is strong enough. Now it cannot be denied that there have been preachers whose names have become immortal because of their remarkable ability in the ministry in spite of their lack of training. But what is usually not recognized is that these men were exceptions, and, that behind their success was a constant attempt to make up for their deficiencies in education.

It is always hard to understand why some men who feel called into the ministry do not at the same time have a burning desire to prepare themselves to the best of their ability for their high calling. We are not unwilling to put the ministry on the same level as the professions, and yet we are satisfied with a preparation much less adequate.

We should never condemn older men in the ministry who did not have the opportunity for education on such a wide scale as is available today. But even these men can use the facilities of libraries and conferences to make up for their lack of training. To discharge his responsibilities before God the minister must supplement his call to the ministry with the best possible education. This ought to be taken in Baptist institutions if at all feasible. Baptist theological seminaries exist for the express purpose of training future Baptist ministers. The interdenominational seminaries render their best service in the area of postgraduate study.

Day by Day at the Chicago Convention

Reported by WILLIAM B. LIPPARD and JOHN C. SLEMP

BELOW: Mrs. John C. Martin, Miss Helen Bailey, and Charles B. Scott. All three are missionaries at home on furlough from Baptist mission field in South India, photographed in the India booth in the Exhibit Hall



CENTER: Secretary Donald B. Cloward of the Council on Christian Social Progress chats with Rev. A. E. McKenney of Elgin, Ill.; **BELOW:** Miss Hazel E. Smith, missionary at home on furlough from Bengal Orissa



Monday, May 19

IN response to the hearty Chicago Baptist welcome by Chairman T. V. L. Hervey of the local committee and featured on the front page of *The Daily Convention Bulletin*, more than 4,000 American Baptists were present Monday evening, May 19, 1952 at the opening session of the American Baptist Convention. Promptly at 7:30 P. M. President Kenneth Scott Latourette called the Convention to order, but it was almost an hour later before the last arriving delegate had found a seat. After a spirited half hour of hymn singing led by Song Leader Elbert E. Gates, the opening prayer by Convention Vice-President Mrs. Howard Wayne Smith, and the customary program interpretation by Program Chairman M. W. Morgan, with special reference to the theme, "A Great Gospel for a Great Age," the President introduced Prof. Roger Fredrikson of Ottawa University who delivered a stimulating address on "The Claim of the Christian Hope." In a superb analysis of the age in which we live, with the dreaded possibility of a major economic collapse, the frenzied panaceas

offered to the masses by dictator states, thousands of crosses on battlefields, fantastic savagery of modern war, creation of a new race called Displaced Persons, and the creeping fear of atomic annihilation, he pictured how mankind has been brought to despair. Then with the flaming enthusiasm of optimistic youth he stressed the gospel of Christ in this hour of frustration and despair and opportunity as the gospel of hope which grows out of God's love for the world and for every man. This is our mission, he concluded, as he appealed to youth through dedicated lives to meet the despair of this hour with the hope of the gospel.

The program feature that followed was an innovation. This year the Convention scheduled for its first session instead of for its last as in other years, the solemn dedication of new missionary appointees. Presented by Candidate Secretary W. W. Parkinson for the Foreign Mission Societies and by Personnel Secretary Ernest Witham for the Home Mission Societies were 9 couples, and 29 single men and women, all newly appointed missionaries. Each introduced himself or herself, with information about birthplace, education, church member-

ship, and designated field, and the motivation that sent them into missionary service. "These young people," said Secretary Parkinson, "have come out of your churches and your homes as expressions of your faith and of your Christian concern for our world." Here was the enthusiasm, charm, vigor, and consecration of youth, dedicated to "A Great Gospel for a Great Age." President Latourette closed this always impressive program feature with the customary prayer of consecration.

After formally accepting "The Book of Discipleship," from Bruce E. Hanson of the Baptist Youth Fellowship, with its pledge of young life to the service of Christ, the President introduced the second speaker of the evening, Prof. Culbert G. Rutenber of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Most intriguing was his topic, "A Tentative Church in a Terrible World." In a vigorous address that sparkled with flashing epigrams and choice, quotable sentences, he summoned the church to wake up and become aware of this terrible age, to get up and meet its enemies head on, to look up to Christ as the source of its power, to speak up and proclaim the priority of gospel as the fact of man's deliverance through Christ, and to give to gospel preaching a range as wide as man's inhumanity to man. "Our world will not be saved by mere analysis, nor by discussion," he declared with deep earnestness. "The world is too far gone to be redeemed by committees or by searing Christian indignation." What is required, he concluded, is a sacrificial Christianity, the preaching and the living of a gospel in which every word becomes deed, a kindling fire that will revive the churches and bring revival to the entire American Baptist Convention.

Tuesday, May 20

ADRENCHING rain taxed the capacity of all transportation media, nevertheless a large audience succeeded in assembling for the Tuesday morning session which featured the presidential address by Prof. K. S. Latourette and the Convention sermon by Rev. Fenwick T. Fowler of Salt Lake City.

After the opening prayer by Rev. W. W. Clark, the President was felicitously introduced by Vice President Mrs. Howard Wayne Smith. It was a gracious introduction as only a gracious lady knows how to make. As was to be expected from a Yale University professor, Dr. Latourette's address was a scholarly appraisal of the gospel of Christ as a great gospel, supremely relevant and applicable to the great age in which we live. "This is a great

age," said the Professor. "Mankind is on the march. Everywhere the masses of men are feeling great stirrings. It is because we have this great gospel that our age need not be one of futility and misery, with the hopes of the stirring masses misdirected and frustrated, but it can be an age in which more people than ever before will hear and accept the salvation freely offered in Christ." That fact places a heavy responsibility on Baptists. Dr. Latourette outlined that responsibility with a masterly survey of missionary opportunities all over the world. He was optimistic about China where, "the doors will open again, when or how we cannot know." He deplored the low record of missionary giving by American Baptists. We rank 27th among 47 American denominations, with Seventh Day Adventists first and Mennonites second. Christ has promised us, said he in conclusion, that He is with us until the end of the age. As stewards of the great gospel, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.

Preceding the Convention sermon was a half hour of business with the usual General Council report by General Secretary Reuben E. Nelson, the Council on Finance and Promotion Report, by General Director Ralph M. Johnson, and the Finance Committee Report by its Chairman A. J. Hudson. All three distinguished gentlemen were given hearty applause. Dr. Johnson reported the gratifying outcome of the fiscal year. (*See page 334.*)

The Convention sermon was a strong, vigorously delivered message on "Beyond Decency." Speaking easily and without notes, the preacher appealed for a Christian discipleship that transcended morality and conformity to ethics, and adherence to standards of decency. The peace of God cannot come to the soul of humanity merely by establishing equitable rules of conduct wherewith individuals are supposed to manufacture and arrive at goodness. "The gospel of Jesus came," declared Dr. Fowler, "because mere decency has always failed to produce redeemed souls living the abundant life. If a decent moral world had been good enough for God, He would have sent Marcus Aurelius as its Savior and not Jesus Christ." Acknowledgment that a decent world is not good enough will send us out as apostles of a sweeping revival, and to undertake our task in bringing people to surrender their lives completely to God. Humbly he narrated a personal evangelism interview in his own ministry in the heart of Mormonism in Salt Lake City, with a stern, powerful, decent, wealthy man whose funeral he conducted 75 days later. In conclusion he called

upon the great audience to rise and sing in dedication, "I can hear my Saviour calling, take thy cross and follow me." President Latourette offered the closing prayer and benediction.

The afternoon session opened with prayer by Rev. Ronald K. Adams, of North Adams, Mass. Brief greetings were brought by two fraternal delegates, Rev. S. Nischik, of Detroit, Mich., Secretary of the Ukranian Evangelical-Baptist Alliance, and Youth Secretary Joel Sorenson, of the Baptist World Alliance.

A large group of chaplains of the armed services was introduced with Rev. Joseph Heartberg presiding. He spoke of other chaplains who could not be present, because they were on duty on the high seas or in the mud of Korea. Dr. G. Pitt Beers, of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, led a prayer for these men as they serve Christ in places of great responsibility and of constant danger.

General Secretary Reuben E. Nelson, principal speaker of the afternoon, delivered a forthright, challenging address on "Looking Ahead," which essentially was a report of the progress the General Council has made toward a closer coordination

of our denominational work since the annual meeting in Boston in 1950, and with particular reference to the historic policy making conference at Chester, Pa. last January. (See *MISSIONS*, March, 1952, pages 170-171.)

Following Dr. Nelson's address, and the announcement of committees by Dr. Francis C. Stiffer, the Shurtleff College Choir brought to the convention an inspiring and deeply moving interlude of music, and three young people of the Baptist Youth Fellowship spoke briefly of the aims and purposes of that organization for the coming year.

The National Council of American Baptist Women then gave a brief, but clear and dramatic, presentation of its work. Speakers included Mrs. M. B. Hodge, of Portland, Ore., and Mrs. E. J. D'Aboy, of Springfield, Ill. They were ably assisted by the speaking and singing Chapel Choir of the Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago, Ill.

Concluding the session was an address by Miss Marguerite Hazzard, of New York, N. Y., President of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society. Speaking on "Baptist Concern for Human Need," she made a stirring appeal for more adequate support of our Baptist hospitals and our homes for children and the aged.

Approximately 8,000 people gathered for the evening session, the first of three joint sessions with the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ. On the platform sat members of the joint committee on Baptist-Disciples relationships, whose efforts had made this fellowship session possible.

Rev. Elbert E. Gates, Jr., was at his best in leading the congregation in 15 minutes of fellowship and song, closing with his inimitable interpretation of "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder." Dr. Hillyer H. Straton, of Malden, Mass., Baptist co-chairman of the joint committee, led in prayer. In presenting him, President Latourette spoke of the joint session as "the culmination of a great dream in Christian fellowship and cooperation."

Dr. Hampton Adams, of St. Louis, Mo., then spoke on "A Witness to Faith—Disciples of Christ." Those who might have had apprehension regarding a hasty union of Baptists and Disciples, breathed more easily when Dr. Adams began: "Two major Protestant Christian communions *that have no plans to unite*, are holding conventions simultaneously so that they may have fellowship in several joint sessions." That eventual union was, however, in the realm of possibility seemed to be in the speaker's mind when he said: "We seem not to be able to stay apart, and yet we are almost afraid to be together." Yet for the present, he continued,



The Convention in session, photographed from the rear mezzanine in Chicago's huge International Amphitheatre

"We say to ourselves and to the world, . . . that we are merely friends and that we are not contemplating marriage." Dr. Adams concluded with a straightforward statement of the witness of the Disciples in history and in modern times.

Concerning the Disciples' witness to church unity, he declared: "The Disciples witness to an uneasy conscience about the disunity of the church. . . . The Disciples would not say that every division within the church has been sinful. We could not justify either the Protestant Reformation or our place in the ongoing Reformation if we believed division to be the worst evil or of itself sinful. . . . But the sin of division shows itself in a sickness that wills to perpetuate division when there is no longer any reason for it."

Speaker for American Baptists was Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden, of Washington, D. C., former president of the American Baptist Convention. Clearly and positively he set forth the historical significance of Baptists and the principal elements of our interpretation of the Christian religion. He pointed in particular to our insistence upon the dignity, sanctity, and competency of the individual soul in all matters of religion, without the necessity of any earthly intermediary or of any ecclesiastical proxy.

"The Baptist position in religion," declared Dr. Pruden in a strong, summary statement, "is similar to the democratic position in government. The democratic form of government honors and respects the individual. The totalitarian form of government exalts the state and looks upon the individual as a cog in a wheel—a means to an end rather than an end in himself. Totalitarian forms of religion exalt the church, or the Bible, or a sacrament, or an office, and treat the individual as though he were incompetent, telling him what he is expected to believe, what he must do, and how he must fit into the scheme of things which his forefathers created. Baptists insist that the individual believer be given that liberty of choice and decision which is a recognition of his rights and privileges as a sacred personality and a competent being."

Dr. Pruden left no room for doubt that even though many American Baptists are deeply concerned about a greater degree of Christian cooperation, they nevertheless want the assurance that in a fellowship of churches they shall have the same liberty of conscience and freedom of choice which they now enjoy. "Within our own Baptist fellowship," he said, "we rejoice in the unity we have in diversity, and if this relationship could be carried over into the larger relationship of all Chris-

tians, there is no reason why Baptists should not take their place with others, and blend their voices in the great Christian affirmation of faith."

Wednesday, May 21

OPENING the Wednesday forenoon session with the first of his series of three worship services, Dr. Jitsuo Morikawa of Chicago's First Baptist Church, had as his topic, "The Gospel and the Preacher." Directing his message to the pastors, he reminded them earnestly that, "If the world is to be saved, it will be saved primarily through the God ordained means of preaching. In his divine plan God has placed unique responsibility on the ministry of preaching in his redemptive purpose."

Talented Negro soloist Gwendolyn Kelley, blessed with a rich, powerful contralto voice; gave a magnificent rendition of the familiar "Lord's Prayer," by Malotte, reaching with ease its concluding high A flat.

Dr. G. Pitt Beers, as Chairman of the Committee on MISSIONS, spoke in behalf of MISSIONS' 150th anniversary and its 15 decades of service to the world mission of American Baptists. He was allotted only five minutes, but his speech was a masterpiece in brevity and comprehensive conciseness.

The next hour was assigned to the Board of Education and Publication. Its four divisions of work (1) Education in home and community, (2) Christian Publications, (3) Publishing and Finance, (4) Secondary and higher education, introduced by Chairman H. Theodore Sorg, were discussed respectively by Richard Hoiland, Ben Browne, Herbert Osteyee, and President W. E. Saunders. New Secretary of Secondary and Higher Education, Ronald B. Wells, (*see MISSIONS, May, 1952, page 298*) was introduced. He succeeds Dr. Newton C. Fetter who was heartily applauded for his 40 years of distinguished service, beginning in 1912 as Student Pastor at Ann Arbor, Mich. Dr. Fetter expressed his deep and abiding gratitude for the privilege of 40 years of service which he had been able to render to the cause of Baptist secondary and higher education. The hour closed with a panel on "Our Ministry of Christian Teaching—Your Questions Please," conducted by Richard Hoiland, with the help of several "experts" who answered the numerous questions, some serious and provocative, others designed to bring out information, and a few interspersed here and there of a humorous quality to enliven the proceedings and maintain attention. Panels are usually



Miss Margaret G. Macoskey, Assistant to the Editor, had four busy days at MISSIONS' Booth in the Exhibit Hall

dull and boresome. Here was a brilliant exception. A prayer of dedication for all teachers, by Ben Browne, closed this effective program feature.

Final speaker was Gustav A. Sword who retires after 40 years of service in Burma. In a brilliant survey of present conditions in Burma, and with special reference to the current revival of Buddhism, he held close attention by his vigorous style of presentation, as he described, "What I Have Seen and Heard in Burma," and told of the Christian church in Burma as "full of vitality and missionary zeal." Of fascinating interest were his word pictures of association meetings, of Christian leaders, pastors, their wives, faithful deacons, and of evangelistic successes. All who heard this flaming Christian apostle from Burma went away thoroughly convinced of the effectiveness and the value of what Baptists have done in Burma.

Rev. James F. Horton, of Olean, N. Y., led in the opening prayer of the afternoon session. Mission Secretary Ralph L. George, of the Philippines, presented President Latourette with a gavel made in the workshop of the Central Philippine College at Iloilo City. "Evangelizing the Procession" was the theme of the unique and very effective presentation of home missions under the direction of Clifford G. Hansen. On a huge billboard-sized canvas that extended the width of the platform, N. R. Swarthwout, artist from the North Shore Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., sketched the great procession of people being influenced by home missions. Narrators who

interpreted the procession were Rev. Howard Joslyn, Rev. Reuben Olson, and Miss Isabella M. Gates. Secretary R. Dean Goodwin conducted a highly informative and deeply interesting series of radio-type interviews with persons representing the various branches of our home-mission work: Christian friendliness, juvenile protection, winning the children for Christ, Christian centers, bilingual churches, trailer camps, American Indians, and work in Latin America and Alaska.

Next came the presentation of the Council on Christian Social Progress, on the theme, "Baptist Freedom and the Present Threat to Democracy." Speakers were Dr. Duncan E. Littlefair, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Dr. George W. Hill, of Pasadena, Cal. "Freedom is the most important single issue in the world today," Dr. Littlefair began, "and certainly it is important to Baptists." He then pointed out several threats to freedom, such as totalitarianism, party-ism, bigotry, and fear. "The world is in desperate need of freedom," Dr. Littlefair concluded. "It is the high privilege of American Baptists to bring the story of freedom to the world." Singling out the field of public education as one area in which freedom is being most seriously threatened, Dr. Hill urged his hearers to be on guard against the insidious propaganda of certain "front" organizations, such as the Friends of the Public Schools of America, American Education Association, the Church League of America, and the Guardians of American Education. Following these addresses a brief question period aroused considerable interest.

At this point Dr. Catharine L. Mabie, for nearly fifty years our honored medical missionary in the Belgian Congo, came to the platform and presented President Latourette with an autographed copy of her book, *Congo Cameos*. The congregation stood in honor of Dr. Mabie and cheered enthusiastically when Dr. Latourette accepted the book and told her that among American Baptists her name was a household word.

The afternoon session closed with a consideration of the work of the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board. Rev. Paul Sturges, of Providence, R. I., spoke briefly on "Fortieth Anniversary Advances," and set the stage for a lively round-table discussion on the timely question of social security for ministers. The panel included Prof. Winthrop S. Hudson, of Rochester, N. Y.; C. C. Tillinghast, Jr., of New York, N. Y.; Dr. Isaac Higginbotham, of Boston, Mass.; and Gerald Athey, of Milwaukee, Wis.

Wednesday evening witnessed the second of three joint sessions with the Disciples of Christ. The at-

tendance was as large as on the evening before—approximately 8,000—and high interest was maintained throughout the session. Mrs. Rosa Page Welsh, of Chicago, Ill., led the large congregation in a period of reverent, worshipful singing. Mrs. Howard Wayne Smith, of Ardmore, Pa., led the devotions.

Dean Emeritus Luther A. Weigle, of the Yale Divinity School, spoke in behalf of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, to be published in September. Since 1937, a committee of scholars has worked on this revision, which, when completed, will be the second revision of the King James Version, which appeared in 1611. The first revision was published in 1881 and 1901. The Revised Standard Version of the New Testament, published in 1946, has been well received.

"Peace Must Be Waged" was the subject of the principal address * of the evening, by Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, of New York, N. Y. "It is not enough to pray for peace," he said, "nor to resolve for peace, nor to parade for peace, nor to say that war is contrary to the mind of Christ. It is not enough to mouth peace slogans, nor to display peace posters . . . *Christian must wage peace!*" This must be done within the framework of the achievable; in full recognition of America's international responsibilities; in the area of economic and social justice; on the civilian level of government; and in the mood of high expectancy.

Thursday, May 22

IN spite of another drenching rain, good for the Illinois corn crop but unpleasant to delegates, a good sized audience greeted Dr. Jitsuo Morikawa for his second Worship Service. His theme was "The Gospel and the Layman." He urged the church not only to consecrate and ordain ministers and missionaries but also a lay order of men and women to reflect and radiate and live their Christian faith in politics, civic duties in towns and cities, education, policing, and the multitude of responsibilities that the American citizen must assume if he wishes to be a genuine American.

Chairman A. J. Hudson presented the budget for 1952-1953, totalling \$6,800,000. Before adopting it the Convention listened to a soul stirring, fervent

* NOTE—Dr. Van Kirk's address proved to be so stimulating as to produce an overwhelming demand for copies. The next day a huge quantity was mimeographed in the press room and placed on sale at 5 cents per copy. All copies were quickly sold. Fortunate is the preacher who was able to get a copy and take it home for more leisurely and thought-provoking perusal.
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plea for its support by General Director Ralph M. Johnson who took the occasion to report on his visit to our mission fields. He described many personal incidents such as the prayer service in the operating room before Dr. Glenn Tuttle wields the scalpel on the patient on the table before him, the devoted service of the Assamese evangelist Longri, the singing of the Karen Seminary Choir in Burma, and the baptism of Clarita in the Philippine Islands. He then turned to the magnificent increases in giving by many churches this past year, at least 250 of whom had increased by 50%. If these few could do that in one year, what could not the entire 6,000 Baptist churches do in the next two years? Against that background of missionary service abroad and increased generosity at home the Convention by a standing vote unanimously adopted the budget and joined with Dr. Johnson in a prayer of dedication.

President John D. Gray was introduced as a fraternal delegate from the Southern Baptist Convention. With typically Southern Baptist oratory he emphasized the Convention's theme.

New presidents of the National Council of American Baptist Men and of the Ministers Wives' Fellowship, respectively A. H. Lofgren and Mrs. Herbert Bailey were introduced. Denver was announced as the next place of meeting, May 20-26, 1953 with Rev. Victor F. Scalise of Lowell, Mass., as preacher, and Minneapolis in 1954. The Committee on Relations with the Disciples, on its recommendation, as presented by its Chairman Hillyer H. Straton, was discharged and future relations with the Disciples were referred to the General Council's Committee on Relations with Other Religious Bodies.

The forenoon session closed with a dynamic missionary message by Rev. Oscar Rodriguez of Cuba, on "The Dimensions of our Missionary Challenge," in which he discussed its depth, its height, and its width. "A Christian church is at its best," he concluded, "only when the missionary task is at the heart of its program."

Following the opening prayer by Rev. Donald F. Thomas, the first address of the afternoon session was a superb analysis of the home mission task by Dr. G. Pitt Beers who retires in April as Executive Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. A large crowd was present thus to indicate their appreciation of his significant and vigorous leadership of nearly 20 years, for he began as Home Mission Secretary in 1934. He preached his first sermon as a Baptist minister on May 18, 1902, exactly 50 years ago. At Chicago his topic was "America For Christ," in which he offered a five-

point challenge, (1) Church extension to carry the church to all the people; (2) The basic objective of evangelism and missions; (3) Put the church in the forefront of the battle for human rights; (4) Develop a better trained leadership; and (5) Establish a greater unity among us as Baptists. "We are still 53 separate organizations," he concluded. "Some way must be found by which we shall speak with one home mission voice, work by one democratically determined home mission policy, and carry out one home mission program." This challenging address again confirmed the reputation which Dr. Beers has acquired as a great home mission statesman. Those who listened to his "swan song" at an American Baptist Convention will long remember his challenging conclusion, "As long as we meet every call with denial, refusal, criticism, there is no future for American Baptists. When the time comes that we glory in the challenge, rejoice in the opportunities, and in having a share in them, then we shall be fit for God's use. Then will American Baptists play the part we should play in the redemption of America and the world."

A delightful incident was the gift of an illuminated globe to President Latourette by the Connecticut delegation, presented by State Convention Vice-President C. Stanton Gallup, as a token of appreciation for Dr. Latourette's services. An interesting panel led by Assistant Director G. F. Anderson, on the Green Lake Assembly and its many conferences scheduled for the coming summer, probably persuaded many delegates to include Green Lake in their summer plans.

A foreign mission hour concluded the inspirational features of the afternoon. Secretary Marlin D. Farnum, using the story of a crocodile's bile to typify the hold of fetishism on the Belgian Congo people who total 11,000,000 in an area as large as the United States east of the Mississippi River, and among whom the bad features of European civilization are rapidly becoming established, reported 63 Baptist missionaries in service, 40,000 Baptist church members, 1,100 mission schools and 5 hospitals. He set forth two major concerns, training of Congo Christian leaders, and strengthening the missionary staff because 50 or more are needed. This informing address was most appropriate in that Africa is this year's foreign mission study topic.

Second foreign mission speaker was Dr. John C. Slemp, Associate Editor of *MISSIONS*, who in 15 minutes gave a terse, yet comprehensive survey of the foreign fields which he had visited on his recent global tour, picturing the multitudes of people like

sheep without a shepherd, a world in economic, social, and political upheaval, the resulting missionary challenge, the expansion of Roman Catholicism, and the abundant evidence of the blessings of the World Mission Crusade of 1945-1947.

Final speaker was Miss Emma Brodbeck from West China who spent the past few years all alone in her station. She had been put in jail by the Communists and was eventually released and permitted to leave China. Her brief talk furnished an unforgettable, fascinating, vivid picture of life in China where her Christian faith had provided a protective wall of security about her and sustained her even during her imprisonment. "God's freedom was all around me and His sunshine was always in my heart." She appealed for cargoes of love to be sent to the Chinese people.

For the evening session more than 10,000 Baptists and Disciples gathered in the huge International Amphitheatre for a joint communion service, on invitation of the First Baptist Church of Evanston, Ill. It was an occasion of great solemnity and of high inspiration, the climax of the Convention for it expressed in visible, tangible form the convention theme: "A Great Gospel for a Great Age." Two major Christian bodies were testifying together to their common loyalty to that gospel and to their common allegiance to Jesus Christ. It was an experience of worship and of Christian fellowship that the 10,000 worshippers will not soon forget. Dr. Gene E. Bartlett, pastor at Evanston, presided, and Dr. R. Melvyn Thompson, Disciples pastor at New Castle, Ind., was the director. Serving the huge congregation were 216 deacons and elders of Baptist and Disciples churches in the Chicago area.

Preacher of the communion sermon was Dr. George A. Buttrick, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church of New York, N. Y., whose subject was "The New Commandment." Jesus' words, "Love one another, as I have loved you," said Dr. Buttrick, are indeed new—"the glad surprise of the gospel of Jesus Christ." The sermon took the form of a series of questions and answers. Can love be commanded? The answer depends on who does the commanding. Christ commands us to love one another, and there is a certain imperiousness about Him that makes us want Him to command. Will love work? Nothing else has ever worked, or ever will. We need to love one another, even as Christ commanded. But can we love one another? We can. For we need only to return the love that was given to us. Worshipful choral music was furnished by the Festival Choir of the Chicago

Disciples Union, directed by B. Fred Wise. Mrs. Rosa Page Welsh, soloist, of Chicago, sang "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" Her superb rendition of that familiar Negro spiritual was profoundly moving. Baptists who deliberately remained away from this great hour of worship will never know what they missed. It was a memorable spiritual experience.

Friday, May 23

THE final day of the Convention opened with Dr. Jitsuo Morikawa's third Worship Service, with his subject, "The Gospel and the Church," in which he emphasized that the church must recover "her incredible uniqueness and incredible peculiarity as the society which embodies in history the ultimate purpose of God in Christ."

After a solo by Miss Gwendolyn Kelley, "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings," the delegates witnessed again the annual platform confusion of the corporate meetings of the national societies and boards. Each held its own session, with its own presiding officer, adopted its annual report, and elected its officers and members of its board of managers for the new year. During this entire procedure the same delegates did the voting. Thus the corporate organizations complied with legal requirements. The complete list of those elected will be published in the September issue.

Closing forenoon speaker was President Herbert Gezork of Andover Newton Theological School. His theme was, "The Christian Witness in a Disordered World." Condemning the complacency of the average American citizen in observing the connection between politics and crime, he declared that the outside world wonders if there is any integrity left in the land of the Pilgrim Fathers. He pictured the great wealth and power of the United States which in three centuries had become the richest and mightiest nation in history. With that eminence went vast social evils that warned of the beginning of decay from within. In this ominous situation the Christian church is summoned to be a witness, an instrument of God's redemptive purpose. Moreover, in these areas of moral and social life the Christian task cannot be done alone. It must be undertaken cooperatively. The large audience by its long applause evidenced its appreciation of Dr. Gezork's challenging contribution to the program.

The afternoon session opened with prayer by Rev. G. R. Gross, of Arkansas, Kans.

The next 30-minutes were devoted to a consideration of foreign-mission personnel needs. Dr. J. M.

Trimmer, of Huntington, W. Va., and Rev. Paul D. Clasper, missionary appointee to Burma, were the speakers. They cited the rapidly diminishing staff on the various mission fields. Moreover, not nearly enough qualified young people are volunteering for missionary service. So the Foreign Mission Societies are launching a recruitment campaign and March 15, 1953 has been selected as the first Recruitment Sunday. Pastors and churches are urged to make that day a memorable one for foreign missions. Colleges and seminaries are asked to participate by challenging their best students to enter missionary service.

The Board of Education and Publication announced the 61 winners of American Baptist Scholarships for 1952. These scholarships range from \$200 for one year to \$500 a year for four years, and total \$25,000. Following the announcement, Pres. David A. Weaver, of Shurtleff College, gave a challenging address on "The Role of Our Baptist Schools, Colleges, and Seminaries in Training Our Leadership for Tomorrow."

The Convention then considered the report of the Committee on Resolutions, presented by Rev. Frank E. Johnston, chairman. With a few amendments offered for clarification and amplification, all the resolutions were adopted without debate, (*See page 335*).

Dr. Joseph M. Dawson of the Baptist Committee on Public Affairs was assigned only 10 minutes but he made most effective use of his time in reporting the committee's service in opposing President Truman's appointment of an American ambassador at the Vatican, and in opposing the use of public funds for sectarian purposes.

To Dr. C. Oscar Johnson of St. Louis, Mo., was given the honor of bringing the Convention to a close with a magnificent evangelistic address. The final evening was utilized to launching the Nation Wide Revival of American Baptist churches which will carry through a 20-month period. Although many delegates started for home during the day, a large crowd was present, well in excess of 5,000, and they were thrilled by a glorious concert of sacred music by the Chicago Baptist Choir. Mayor Martin H. Kennelly of Chicago brought municipal greetings and thanked the Convention for its religious impact on the city. Dr. J. H. Jackson brought greetings from the 6,500,000 Negro Baptists in the National Baptist Convention. Secretary Reuben E. Nelson introduced the entire membership of the Chicago Committee of Arrangements who were voted deep appreciation, with prolonged

and hearty applause. Dr. Arnold T. Öhrn of the Baptist World Alliance brought greetings from the Baptists of the world.

For his evangelistic message Dr. Johnson chose as his text the familiar, "Ye shall be my witnesses." He included an earnest and persuasive appeal to the crowd to sign cards which the ushers had distributed, signifying (1) acceptance of Jesus Christ, (2) decision to join some church, (3) rededication to the cause of Christ. Nothing is more important at

this hour, said he, than the witnessing to the gospel, to the reality of God, and to His supreme revelation in Christ. We are witnesses of the marvelous grace of God in Christ. And he challenged the great host of people before him to leave this convention hall dedicated anew to meet the opportunity, to accept the challenge, and to answer the call to be true witnesses of Jesus Christ.

After his closing prayer and benediction the Convention adjourned.



Secretary Donald B. Cloward of the Council on Christian Social Progress and the preacher of the Convention sermon, Dr. Fenwick T. Fowler; the chef whose culinary contribution to the comfort of delegates was appreciated by all who patronized the Convention Hall cafeteria; Miss Rose Graziano, one of the house mothers at the Kodiak Orphanage in Alaska, and Rev. and Mrs. Norman Smith, in charge of the gospel ship "Evangeline," sailing the inland waters of Alaska; Rev. George W. L. Moody of West Oak Lane, Penn. and Rev. Gordon H. Baker of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Promotional Plans For 1952-1953

For many delegates, the Saturday following the Chicago Convention was spent in sightseeing which busy schedules had prevented during the week. But for secretaries, directors of promotion, and staff members of the Council on Missionary Cooperation, the day was spent in a discussion of the National Field Program. This all-day conference began with a review and analysis of activities for 1951-52 and proceeded to promotional plans for the current fiscal year.

This year the aim of "strengthening the local church for its whole task," will be carried out

through four major emphases: Collection of the Unified Budget, Church Leadership Conferences in Finance, Sector Projects, and the two Special Offerings.

Through a series of conferences, regular reports to churches, and a counselling program, the field staff will help each church to meet its local expense and Unified Budget goal. Special publicity emphasis and counselling will be given to churches during the final two months of the fiscal year, March and April, and these same services will be provided to churches whose fiscal year ends in December.

Plans were laid to again bring pastors and laymen together through Church Leadership Conferences to discuss sound business financing and the newest improvements in the Every Member Canvass plan.

Plans were also discussed for the 30 or more Sector Projects which will be held during next Fall and Spring and for the two Special Offerings. The Fall Offering, to aid Baptist foreign missions and The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board, will be taken October 5. The Spring Offering, to aid home mission efforts will be taken March 1, 1953.

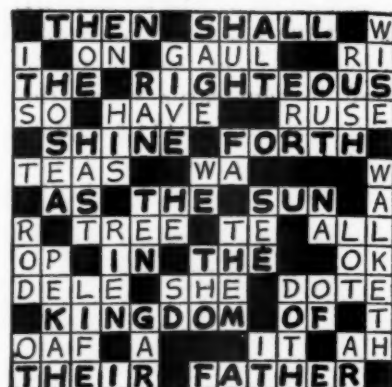
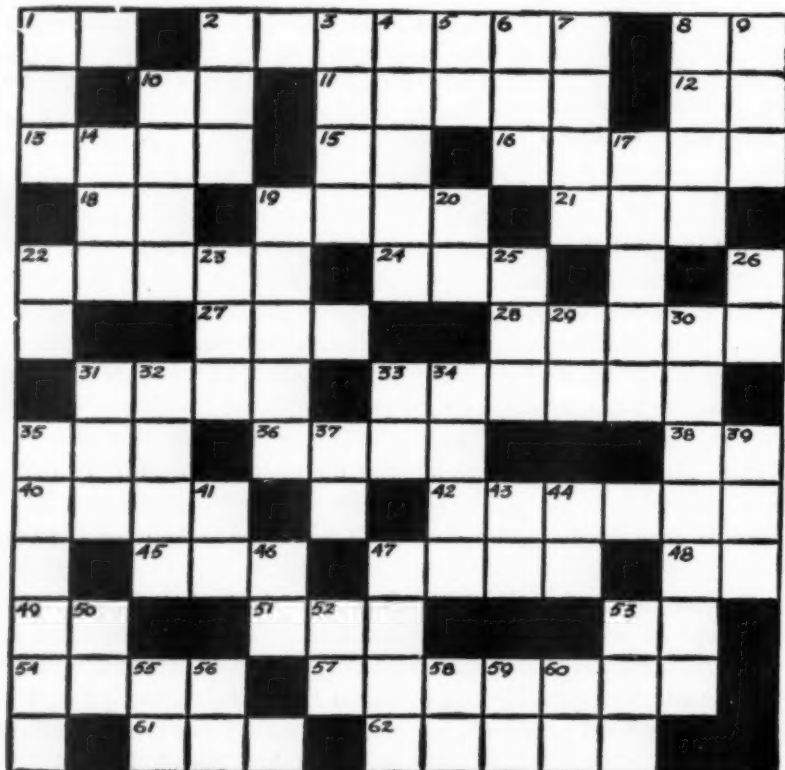
MISSIONS CROSS WORD PUZZLE PAGE

Trust

ACROSS

1. "Trust . . . not in lying words" Jer. 7:4
2. ". . . are all they that put their trust in him" Ps. 2:12
8. Calcium
10. "Lord watch between . . . and thee" Gen. 31:49
11. "bread enough and to . . ." Luke 15:17
12. "I . . . God, even by God" Ps. 50:7
13. "I trust in . . ." Ps. 25:2
15. Topographical Engineers
16. Networks of blood-vessels
18. "in thee . . . my trust" Ps. 141:8
19. "buckler to all them . . . trust" II Sam. 22:31
21. "the . . . that trusteth in him" Ps. 34:8
22. "keep him in perfect . . ." Isa. 26:3
24. Leguminous Hawaiian tree

27. Compass point
28. "Job arose, and . . . his mantle" Job 1:20 (pl.)
31. "knoweth them . . . trust in him" Nah. 1:7
33. "Seek him that . . . the seven stars" Amos 5:8
35. Sheltered place
36. "my . . . trusteth in thee" Ps. 57:1
38. Royal Observatory
40. Son of Enoch Gen. 4:18
42. "put their trust under the . . . of thy wings" Ps. 36:7
45. "trust in . . . name of . . . Lord" Isa. 50:10
47. "O . . . God; thou art my trust" Ps. 71:5
48. Prefix signifying not
49. ". . . him will I trust" II Sam. 22:3
51. Also 53. Adjutant-General
54. ". . . of them that trust in him shall be desolate" Ps. 34:22



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Last Month's Puzzle

57. "that . . . his trust in the Lord" Prov. 28:25
61. "under . . . wings shalt thou trust" Ps. 91:4
62. "and shall . . . in him" Ps. 64:10

DOWN

1. ". . . will I trust in him" Job 13:15
2. Insect 3. Esther
4. "Trust in vanity, and . . . lies" Isa. 59:4
5. Western Continent
6. "if any of you do . . . from the truth" Jas. 5:19
7. "the shipmen . . . ed that they drew near" Acts 27:27
8. Eldest son of Adam and Eve Gen. 4:1
9. Wine vessel of early Christian Church
10. Table-land 14. Hasten
17. "a reproach and a . . ." Ezek. 5:15
19. Examinations
20. "better . . . trust in the Lord" Ps. 118:8
22. River in Italy
23. Confederate States of America
25. "an . . . of gopher wood" Gen. 6:14
26. "that trust in the Lord shall be . . . Mount Zion" Ps. 125:1
29. Eye (Scot)

30. "such trust have we . . . Christ" II Cor. 3:4
31. Thrice
32. "neither shall the . . . nor sun smite" Isa. 49: 10
33. Greek letter
34. "In whom ye . . . trusted" Eph. 1: 13
35. "we trust in the . . . God" I Tim. 4: 10
37. "I trust in the mercy . . . God" Ps. 52: 8
39. "trust to his . . . righteousness" Ezek. 33: 13
41. Deadhead
44. Newspaper notice
46. And
47. Clown
50. "in darkness, and hath . . . light" Isa. 50: 10
52. Out of print
53. Attorney
55. Northeastern State
56. East Indies
58. Translation
59. Trade-union
60. Plural ending of some nouns
- Text is 2, 18, 19, 21, 31, 33, 45, 47, 61 and 62 combined

departments, gave evidence of a successful year. Just newly dedicated, beautiful beyond words in its dignified pastel colorings, its blue sky background studded with stars, the North Shore Baptist Church, our host for this year's Annual Meeting, looked as though it might have been decorated for this one occasion.

Officers elected are as follows: *First Vice-President*, Mrs. E. J. D'Aboy, Ill.; *Vice-Pres. of Missions*, Mrs. H. Hurley Baird, N. J.; *Vice-Pres. of Christian Service*, Mrs. Bailey Hathaway, N. Y.; *Vice-Pres. of Christian Training*, Mrs. John Walker, Ill.; *Vice-Pres. of Missionary and Stewardship Education*, Mrs. Horace Molan, N. J.; *Vice-Pres. of Business and Professional Women*, Miss Constance Shaw, N. Y.; *Treasurer*, Mrs. Clyde Matheny, Ohio. President, Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge, and Secretary, Mrs. T. D. Stilwell were elected for two year terms at Buffalo. Miss Violet E. Rudd, continues as Administrative Secretary.

Missionaries from over the world were in this great audience. Presidents and secretaries from the various boards were graciously presented by Mrs. Hodge. Finally, in a beautiful and meaningful ceremony, the "Love Gift" was presented. Each State President brought forth the amount representing the love and sacrificial giving of their Baptist Women, totalling in all \$403,687. Again silence filled the room. American Baptist women had climbed the highest pinnacle of success, surpassing the Love Gift Goal of \$365,000 set for 1952-1953. In humble thankfulness, Mrs. George H. Armacost, chairman of Love Gift Committee offered the dedicatory prayer. The Love Gift Goal recommended for 1953-1954 is \$400,000.

The National Council of American Baptist Women

The First Annual Meeting

By MRS. THEO. D. STILWELL
Recording Secretary

WE wish that every member could have been present at this, our first annual meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women. If you are a Baptist woman of the American Baptist Convention, you are a member of this new organization and have "much Kingdom Work to do." One year has gone into the known past—we believe much has been accomplished. What was reported here at the Annual Meeting represents the results of your efforts.

Such a vast undertaking always necessitates revisions and changed plans. Just as an architect studies and revises blueprints before a large building is completed, so the National Council has had to "think things through" and make changes. Our Constitution Committee worked unceasingly in their efforts to form workable Constitutions and By-Laws adaptable for national, state, association and local women's work. Our Program Committee has given women something different to stimulate their thinking in planning meetings.

On Friday evening, May 16, officers of the National Council of American Baptist Women, together with presidents representing States over the Convention, members of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign and Home Mission Boards and secretaries of various agencies of the American Baptist Convention, met for a fellowship dinner at the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago. Dr. Ralph Johnson brought a missionary challenge of the world's needs, and our hearts were inspired as we listened to the thrilling rendition of "Creation" by President Robert Beven of B M T S and the 20 voice student choir.

"Behold the Stars!" "Is not God in the Heights of Heaven?" God was very near in the hearts of the women when they heard the theme announced for the year 1953-1954. The awed silence which filled the room where approximately 150 women were meeting in national board session was totally inspiring. With unanimity the theme was adopted—the theme which will come to our Baptist Women another year. Reports of officers setting forth work accomplished in their respective

WOMEN • OVER • THE • SEAS

In the Mission Fields of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society

The Victory That Overcometh

A report of the Chicago meetings of the Board of Managers of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society

"... this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith ..."

WITH this verse of Scripture as a prelude, the Board of Managers of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society opened its 81st annual board meeting on May 14, 1952, in Chicago, Ill. Missionaries, State Presidents, and guests joined the regular board members for two days of joyous work and inspiration through which was expressed a great concern for the spreading of the gospel.

Miss Thomasine Allen, who very recently arrived from the Kuji Christian Center in Japan, opened the meetings with a worship service for the group in which she expressed deep joy for the faithfulness and the patience that have been shown by the Japanese Christians through times of great trial.

Mrs. Fred C. Jackson, Illinois State President, extended greetings and a warm welcome to the group. Mrs. Leslie B. Arey, presiding chariman of the Board, was very gracious in her response, after which she introduced the missionaries and guests.

Communications were read from Mr. J. C. Clark, business manager of the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wis., who is resigning from his position; and from Dr. W. B. Lipphard, Editor of MISSIONS, who retires as Editor December 31, 1952. Mrs. Andrew J. Mitchell of Newark, N. J., who has served for a number of years as Recording Secretary of the Woman's Amer-

By DORIS WILKENS

NOTE—DORIS (MRS. J. F.) WILKENS, who lives in Portland, Ore., became a member of the Woman's Foreign Mission Board in 1951 and serves on the Committee on Literature and Publicity.—ED.

ican Baptist Foreign Mission Society is terminating her period of office. Mrs. Mitchell has served with consecration and love. Her life and the work she has done have been beautiful testimonies to those who have been associated with her. The women of the Board presented her with a gift and tried to express in words their deep appreciation for the service she has so willingly rendered.

In keeping with "what is going on here at home" Miss Irene A. Jones, Home Base Secretary, presented a most interesting and informative report. White Cross continues to present a field of service for our Baptist women and girls. This past year 505 cases with a net weight of 63,667 pounds were shipped, and 697 White Cross programs were given. Each year the amount of deputation work achieved by the officers and Board members increases, 29 board members having given 318 talks last year to audiences approximating 26,706 persons. Miss Anondi Kenwar, our Christian national from Assam who has spent the past few months in America as a guest of the Woman's Board, was given special

mention for having given 91 days of service in deputation from Oct. 22, 1951, to Jan. 14, 1952.

For the National Council of American Baptist Women Mrs. Charles A. Marstaller gave an account of the March Board meeting. She stated that "our new year-old child" is growing wonderfully and developing normally. The constitution committee is still at work and has proposed several changes. Development is slow and deliberate, and the Lord's will is constantly being sought in each phase of the work, for "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it ..."

Mrs. Ralph L. Palmer, Chairman of the League of Interpreters, expressed the thanks of her committee for the work of 764 women who were enrolled as Interpreters. These women volunteer to be prepared to speak on foreign missions in churches, at association meetings, and wherever there is a need to promote missions. This year 2,660 talks were given and 105,693 persons were reached.

In the atmosphere of Bantu hymns and a refreshing bowl of peanuts, a common food in Congo, an unusually interesting literature report was given by Mrs. Wm. A. Onderdonk and Miss Ada Stearns. Records of Bantu hymns, sung by natives in Congo, were played as new literature on Africa, printed on cardboard circles to represent records, were presented. *Congo Cameos*, the autobiography of Dr. Catharine L. Mabie, was recommended for special promotion to acquaint Baptist readers with our African field. "*Amayah, Star in a Dark*

World," has also been printed as study material on Congo. Emphasis was given to our new study field as two of our missionaries, Miss Hazel E. Smith and Miss Agnes H. Anderson, compared "Pioneering in Africa" with "Africa Today." The report was closed by a statement and prayer by Miss Mary Bonar, who has been teaching in Banza Manteke, Belgian Congo.

The Cultivation Committee, under the leadership of Mrs. H. H. Baird, distributed name tags and booklets with hand-painted covers depicting a little sun-bonnet girl cultivating her flower garden. Inside pages contained a wealth of verses and thoughts to help each one present cultivate foreign missions.

The Treasury Agenda was explained in a quick and most efficient manner by Miss Annie E. Root. She reported the total income for the regular budget as \$582,785.97.

One of the most delightful times of fellowship during the entire year of board meetings comes when we can meet and personally talk with Christian nationals who are studying in this country. After a brief evening devotional led by Mrs. R. W. Heaney, President of Chicago Association, Mrs. Arey called Miss Anondi Kenwar to the platform to receive the Board's greetings to the women of Assam. Miss Kenwar, in a very lovely response, said that even though the women of our two countries are separated by "seven seas and thirteen rivers," still there is a strong bond of Christian fellowship that comes because our hearts are united through our love of Christ. She thanked American Baptist women for White Cross boxes, for their interest, but most of all, for their love and prayers. Miss Kenwar

has indeed been a great challenge and inspiration to the women of this country.

Greetings were also brought to the Board by Mrs. Shinko Chiba, a teacher at Hinomoto Girls' School, Himeji, Japan, who is now studying at Berkeley Baptist Divinity School for her Master's degree in Education. Mrs. Chiba spoke of the problems of her country and expressed her sincere appreciation for the work of American Baptist missionaries in Japan. She said, "This faith I have, I have learned through you in a mission school in Japan, and I thank you." Miss Ethel Tharay, a graduate nurse on the staff of the American Baptist Mission Hospital at Nellore, South India, was also introduced to the Board. She will study at the Skidmore College division of New York University. Miss Tharay was born in Nellore Hospital and spoke of the Christian influence of the hospital on her life. Those who heard her speak will never forget the sincerity and depth of her Christian witness.

One of the highlights was the report given by Miss Irene A. Jones on her recent visit to India and Burma, which she called her "familiarization tour."

After a devotional thought brought to the Board the next morning by Mrs. Will E. Ivie, Miss Helen L. Bailey, acting as chairman, and assisted by missionaries, Mary Bonar, Lucy F. Wiatt, Dr. Marion I. Criswell, L. Emma Brodbeck, Thomasine Allen, and also by Miss Anondi Kenwar, led a panel discussion on the topic, "What Makes the Church Take Root?" As the panel came to a close, the entire Board rose to their feet to join the missionaries in singing the age-old hymn, "The Church's One Foundation." Missionaries were special guests

and added untold pleasure and inspiration as they contributed of their best. Present for the meetings in addition to those on the program were Harriet Barrington, Dr. Velva V. Brown, Dr. Marguerite E. Everham, Gertrude F. McCulloch, Hazel E. Smith, Gertrude M. Waterman, and Lucy F. Wiatt.

In the absence of Miss Hazel F. Shank, who is visiting the Congo field, Mrs. Charles H. Sears presented the combined review on our foreign mission fields. In connection with Mrs. Sears' report, Dr. Velva Brown added an impressive statement concerning the China field. Before the report was finished, word came from New York that Miss Marion Bell had been released from China and was with Miss Edna D. Smith in Hong Kong. This message was received with great rejoicing and thanksgiving.

Seven lovely consecrated girls were presented by Candidate Secretary W. W. Parkinson. Later a beautiful commissioning service for these new missionaries was conducted with Mrs. Kenneth I. Brown presiding. The following girls received along with their commission certificates and pins, the Board's blessing: Madelyn Albrecht, Dr. Gladys Allen, Dr. Marian Boehr, Margot Hakes, Virginia Hjertstedt, Susanne Powers and Doris Hardy.

A memorial service, led by Mrs. S. J. Bates of California, was held for missionaries who have been commissioned to higher service during the past year.

Dr. Catharine L. Mabie led the closing worship service, using for her message, "Mission Accomplished." And so must each one of us accomplish her mission if we are to spread to the ends of the earth the glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.



The May Harvest

A review of work and progress on mission fields of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society during the past denominational year, 1951-1952, as reported at the American Baptist Convention last month in Chicago

REPRESENTATIVES from American Baptist churches came together last month in annual convention session to consider their stewardship of the past year. They meet in May as an usual thing because May was the time of the May meetings, the annual meetings of the National Mission Societies. The Convention as such was formed when the work of these agencies had become so great that unified approach was deemed advisable. So we here review what your church has harvested during the past through one group of its missionaries.

LATIN AMERICA

There were 24 missionaries under appointment in the six countries of Latin America. Of the four in Cuba, two are Cubans, and the six in Puerto Rico are Puerto Ricans. This indicates a trend. From the beginning our aim has been to train and recruit from the membership of the churches to the end that missionaries from North America would not be needed. This leadership program has resulted in producing leaders for the church and for the fields outside the church. Concurrently with the development of leadership, the mission fields have pressed toward the attainment of self-support. The remarkable success of this program has been timely for the recent shrinkage of

By HELEN C. SCHMITZ

the purchasing power of the North American dollar has made necessary the reduction of appropriations to the Latin American Missions. These slow but steady reductions have therefore had no apparent deleterious effect upon the Mission. It may be well at this point for American Baptists to realize, however, that while a successful Mission is able to keep going even though we continue to withdraw funds, that same Mission because it has been successful should be expanding. We are able to report a larger school enrollment, a greater number of churches, and an increased percentage of baptisms. In Nicaragua, three greatly needed buildings are under construction: the new hospital of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society, and a church and school building by The American Baptist Home Mission Society. We can not report additional help to the fabulous mission in Haiti or to the strategic seminaries in each of our Latin American fields.

ALASKA

The Kodiak Baptist Mission continues to maintain the same high calibre of staff and morale among the children. The Community Baptist Church of Kodiak has made good use of its expanded

quarters. Kodiak City continues to grow and thus to enlarge the field of the church's responsibility. The church has called Miss Estelle Marlin to serve as the Director of Christian Education. Miss Marlin will live at the Mission until such a time as she may be released to give full-time to the work of the church. This church will undertake to raise Miss Marlin's full salary. Our Boat Evangelist will begin his full-time service in Kodiak this summer.

RURAL MISSION

The Woman's Home Mission Society continues to have only three rural missionaries. Their service has been so helpful wherever they have been located that many more such missionaries have been requested. These women perform many services but their main purpose is leadership training. More than 85% of our people either live in cities or live closely adjacent to a city and so are affected by city life. No city has been known to reproduce itself. We should be vitally concerned, therefore, with the kind of leadership which flows from the rural areas into urban areas. This has the sound of city ministry in reverse, but no matter how it is stated rural missions are strategic.

AMERICAN INDIANS

We have 11 missionaries working among American Indians in five states. This work progresses steadily. The membership of the Saddle Mountain church has doubled in the three years the missionary has been there. The work

of the Poston church has been widened to include a third camp of migrant workers, a large number of whom are Negroes. Here again we note an interracial membership in a Mission. The Hopi-Navajo work in Arizona has been strengthened by the organization of a Parish Plan. Two women missionaries serve as workers with women and children in the churches at Toreva, Polacca, and Keams Canyon. A home was built and dedicated last October.

TRAILER MISSIONARY

Mary Murray never dreamed when she left the rural field to minister to trailer camps near Detroit that ten years later she would still be in a trailer camp. She lives in her own trailer and has a trailer chapel which she pulls to 17 camps. Thousands of people have attended services in the chapel and over 500 have confessed Christ as their Saviour. A church has grown from the work. The beautiful little Joy Road Baptist Chapel stands on Joy Road as testimony to that work. On the last Sunday in April 1952, a new trailer chapel will be

dedicated as Baptists help Miss Murray celebrate her tenth anniversary as Trailer Chapel Missionary. For further details see, "And Everywhere That Mary Went" in MISSIONS magazine, April 1942, pages 214-216.

CHRISTIAN FRIENDLINESS

The ten Christian Friendliness missionaries and Miss Isabelle Gates, Secretary of the Department, together with Pastor Harold C. Bonell,* of the Central Square Baptist Church, Portland, Maine, have spent their energies this past year in finding sponsors for the 400 "Hard Core" Displaced Persons for whom American Baptists gave a blanket assurance two years ago. Everyone anticipated that this would be a difficult task, that it would entail countless hours devoted to telephone calls, writing reams of letters, many personal calls, and

* NOTE: Miss Gates and Mr. Bonell were chosen to represent American Baptists when Church World Service sent a team of interdenominational workers, at the request of the International Refugee Organization, to hasten the selection process in the Displaced Persons Camps of Europe. See MISSIONS, March, 1951, pages 142-146, and April, 1951, pages 206-209.—Ed.



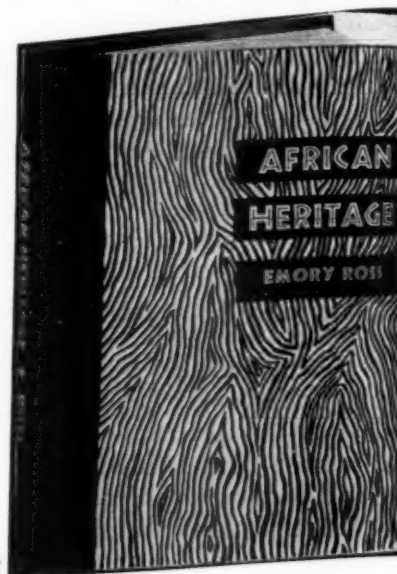
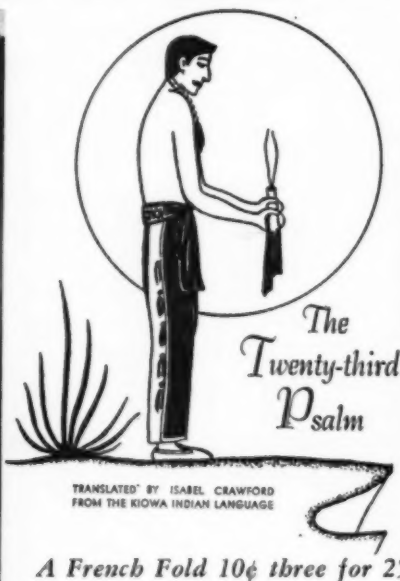
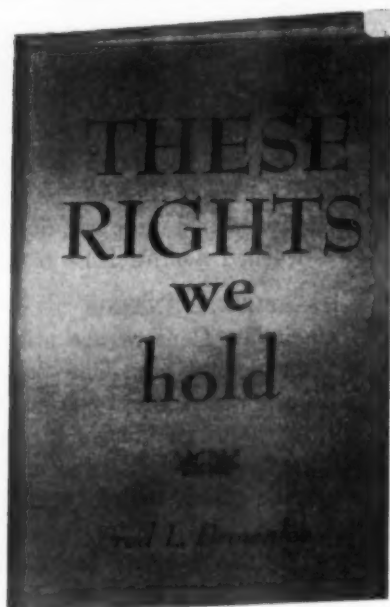
Mary Murray and a group of her Trailer Chapel children arriving for Sunday school, at Garden City, Michigan

much time spent in prayer. But few visualized the emotional strain involved. There was much emotion in the agonizing stories of each of the 400 cases. The real strain came, however, when word was received that a case was en-route and the worker had found no sponsor. This happened over and over. And every time the missionary approached helpless despair God worked a miracle!

CHRISTIAN CENTERS

Christian Centers are still on the social frontiers. The flow of population continues to, from, and within the city. Always in social change those with little social and economic status find a footing in the least privileged areas. The disadvantaged areas for a time were characterized by populations having European background. Then white groups from the Southern Highlands and Negroes from the South were noticed in these areas. A marked migration of Spanish speaking peoples followed. The population change of today shows a steady influx of Southern Negroes plus Displaced Persons from Europe and young families from among our more privileged citizens who are "displaced" by the housing shortage, the high cost of living, or by one or more of the social evils of the day—divorce, gambling, and drinking. Because of pressures, social evils are felt at their greatest thrust in these disadvantaged areas. The people live in the midst of tension. Evil doers seek such areas in which to work. The Christian Center stands in the midst of such needy areas. Our Center missionaries are accustomed to dealing with poverty, "sin" defined in the usual sense, and paganism. Now they discover they must also learn how to deal with Communism. May God grant wisdom to these consecrated workers!

MISSIONARY • EDUCATION



Home and Foreign Mission Study 1952-1953

HOME THEME: "Home Missions and Human Rights"

FOREIGN THEME: "Africa"

When two mission study themes are so interesting and offer so many possibilities for Church Schools of Missions, Study Classes, and Reading Programs, is it not difficult to choose the one

—home or foreign—on which to place your concentration?

Therefore begin at once to make plans for a fall program and a late winter and early spring program. Use the home theme for one and the foreign for the other.

Bible Book of the Month



R. Dean Goodwin



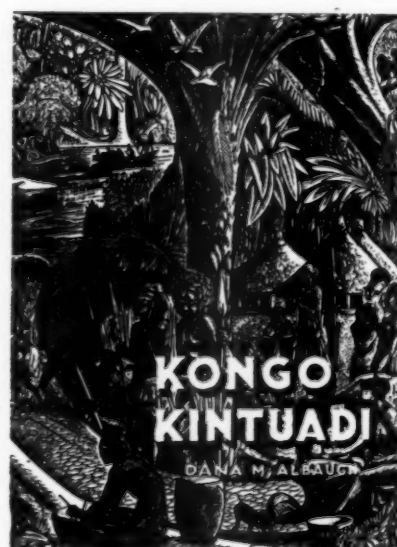
1952-1953

JUNE Amos
JULY I and II Kings
AUGUST I and II Timothy
SEPTEMBER Hebrews

Plan either two Church Schools of Missions or one Church School of Missions and one Study Course. Refer to the leaflets *Missionary and Stewardship Education at a Glance* and *Friends Through Books* for suggestions.

During the summer as you develop the plans you will want:

For the Home Mission Study: *Man—Living Soul* by R. Dean Goodwin. 75 cents; *These Rights We Hold* by Fred L. Brownlee.



\$1.25; *Study and Worship Programs*, based on these books. 35 cents; *Home Mission Digest V*. 40 cents; *A Book of Remembrance*. 50 cents.

For the Foreign Mission Study: *African Heritage* by Emory Ross. \$1.25; *Kongo Kintuadi* by Dana M. Albaugh. 60 cents; *Study and Worship Programs*, based on these books. 35 cents; *Congo Cameos* by Catharine L. Mabie, M.D. \$2.50; *Along Kingdom Highways*. \$1.00; *A Book of Remembrance*. 50 cents.

Tools for Leaders in Missionary Education

Are you planning the over-all program for missionary education in your church for men and women, for youth, for children? You will find one or more of the following free leaflets helpful: *Friends Through Books, Men and World Missions, World Service, Guild Goals, Children Share in the Missionary Program, Missionary and Stewardship Education at a Glance, Missionary Church*

Family Night: School of Missions, Friends of Our Family—Around the World: Missionary Education in the Home.

State Secretaries of Missionary Education and Reading Program will be distributing these leaflets. If you have not received your copies, communicate with your state or association secretaries or order from the Department of Missionary and Stewardship Education, 152 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y.

THE BAPTIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Dear Friends of the Fellowship:

There is something at once sobering and refreshing about the theme which the Baptist Youth Fellowship has chosen to underlay their program for 1952-53—"On These I Stand."

In a day when the masses of men are anxious about security, sometimes without regard for the security of others; when integrity is often measured by expediency, even in high places; when so many uncertainties mark the distant view and cloud the dreams and plans of youth—this desire to take stock of the things that abide is refreshing indeed.

What are the things which can be counted on, which we hold as priceless? It would be a reassuring exercise for each of us to put down five sureties that we believe are unshakable in a shaken world. I well remember the calm that settled over me one day when I heard Muriel Lester say, "No dictator, however powerful can keep the stars from shining, the tide from rising, the spring from coming on or the love of God from reaching out to men."

This theme comes closer, too. It has to do with convictions

which we as Christians hold. Not merely the lessons we have been patiently taught but the convictions which come out of our deepest experiences and thought—the things we live by, the truths we bet our lives on. Put these down. Look at them often. So will the convictions on which we stand come clear.

And even beyond this, this theme implies a personal commitment. It says, I have searched for the stable things in an unsure world, I have looked within for the truths I honestly believe—now on these I take my stand come what may, I can do no other.

How the pages of the Book of Books reveal guide posts for every thoughtful person. The Youth of Gallilee says, "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God believe also in me. Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." And a young man of great conviction, Paul said, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

If a generation of Baptist young people take seriously the chosen theme of the year, not only in their youth program but personally in their individual lives, a

new quality will begin to flow into the churches and out into daily life.

Very sincerely yours,

Elvis P. Kappaw

Books to Read and Study

Pictured on these pages are some of the books which will be interesting to young people during 1952-53 as they plan for their reading books and mission study materials. For complete list, arranged according to grade and prices, see the May issue B.Y.F. Section.

Fascinating stories for junior high age are in *Chama's Choice* by Esma Rideout. This is a story of a boy's adventures from bush village to mission school. Price Cloth \$2.00; paper \$1.25.

An interesting pamphlet, *When Given a Chance*, by Lucille Hein for junior high leaders contains stories of young people like themselves who found their chance in a home mission center. Price 35 cents.

This Is Africa by S. Franklin Mack contains striking photographs and accompanying inter-

esting text on Africa's village life, religious, future and Christian personalities. Price 50 cents.

Senior high groups may wish to concentrate on *HOW—Home Missions Works for Human Rights* which contains featurettes about dramatic events and colorful individuals, and thrilling reports on how, through home missions, Christians have worked for human rights. Five principal human rights are stressed: the right to belong, the right without discrimination to education, health, work and worship. Price 50 cents.

Jungles Ahead contains six powerful, real-life stories about Africans today. These stories have been drawn from the experiences of Esther D. Horner, the author, while a missionary in Africa. Price Cloth \$2.00; paper \$1.25.

Let's Be Fair is the program booklet for Ann Judson Guild Chapters. It includes four programs on *When Given a Chance* by Lucille Hein, four on the foreign book *More About Africa*, and one on each of the other three areas in the Guild program of work.

Designs for Living is the program booklet for Sallie Peck Guild Chapters. It includes four programs on the home mission theme, four on the foreign, and



one on each of the other three areas of Guild program of work. Helpful books to use with these programs are *The World Is My Home*, *This Is Africa* and *Jungles Ahead*. Each of the program booklets listed is 35 cents.

Older young people will be especially interested in the accounts of how Baptist missionaries have

helped in the area of human Rights. *Man—Living Soul* is written by our own Baptist R. Dean Goodwin. It reveals stories of actual curtailment of rights on one hand and of daring and statesmanlike Christian provision for human rights on the other. 75 cents.

New Materials for 1952-53

World Service—Study and Action outlines the program of missionary education for all young people. It suggests three emphases in the missionary education program for youth, *Train Your Mind, Share Your Money, Give Your Service*. In it are listed the study and reading materials graded to the three age groups of the Fellowship. A number of action and service projects are suggested. This leaflet is invaluable to the World Outreach Committee of the local B.Y.F.

A booklet on the Christian World Outreach goal of the Baptist Youth Fellowship, which lists a number of projects for action is now available at 35 cents a copy. This should be ordered from the B.Y.F. general office, 1703 Chestnut St., Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Guild Goals of the Baptist Youth Fellowship lists the major goals in the year's program and presenting the materials to use.



The goals are related to the B.Y.F. theme of the year "On These I Stand" and are listed in the leaflet as, "Become Informed," "Deepen Your Worship," "Increase Your Service," "Enlarge Your Giving," "Expand Your Fellowship." Every Guild chapter will need the *Guild Guide*, the manual on Guild work which explains fully the questions of organization, overall program, (including suggestions for stressing the new areas in Guild work) and relationships to the B.Y.F. and to the woman's work. The *Guild Guide* is priced at 80 cents single



copies; two or more copies 75 cents each.

World Service and *Guild Goals* are distributed through the State and Association World Service Secretaries—two copies to each church. They are free.

LAST CALL
ALL BAPTIST GIRLS
12-25

THIRD NATIONAL
GUILD HOUSE PARTY
Green Lake, Wisconsin

June 24-30

Registration on the grounds
afternoon of June 24

Opens with evening dinner,
June 24

Closes with breakfast June
30

Board and room \$20.25

Registration fee \$5.00

Welcome and a good time
awaits you!

MISSIONARY EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

Dear boys and girls:

Vacation time is here. May you have many happy days this summer as you have picnics, parties and trips. Perhaps some of your trips will be to see some of our Home Mission projects. Do you live near a Christian Center, or a mission church, a migrant camp or an Indian reservation?

Perhaps you and your leaders can make plans to visit one such center during the summer. Be sure to ask when you may conveniently visit. Our missionaries are busy and they have a schedule, too!

Perhaps this summer you will get acquainted with boys and girls of another race, language or cultural groups in your town.

Our mission study themes for this year are Africa and the American Indian. Maybe you will want to do some reading and go to a nearby museum to help you get ready for these studies.

Leaders will want to get a copy of "Children Share in the Missionary Program, 1952-1953" for

the latest books, pictures, maps, stories on our two themes for the year. Have a good summer.

Your friend,
Florence Stansbury

Junior Department

Teachers and Leaders

All of you who teach boys and girls in the fifth grade—our second year Junior material—will be



teaching a unit in August and September on our Baptist mission work in Latin America. As a teacher you will want to be very up-to-date on *your* Latin American Baptist background for it's only as you are enthusiastic about missions and the Baptist witness that your boys and girls will catch something of the thrill of missions. Have you read?

Baptist crossroads. The best story of our Baptist work throughout Latin America available. It's probably in your missionary library.

Children Link Hands. Stories by Baptist missionaries in Puerto Rico, Cuba, Mexico about boys and girls and their Christian witness. Do you have?

The Bible Travels Today, When Children Worship, Missionaries Help Boys and Girls, our three Baptist picture-story sets. In each of these there is one picture and it's story of our work in Latin America. Children Around the World picture-sets: in the following there are also pictures to give



Judy DeLano selling Dr. Curry his circus ticket

Latin American background—Babies, Pets, Toys, Bedtime, Play, Worship, Home. Cross file by country and you have a good picture background for your study.

Projected Visual Materials.

My name is Pablo. Filmstrip with reading script. Pablo an illiterate Mexican boy goes to a mission school where he receives the inspiration to be a missionary to his own people. Rental \$1.00.

Games and Music help! Children's Games from Many Lands. Millen; *The Whole World Singing.* Thomas.

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Christmas in Japan

A recent letter from the Ed Bollingers, our missionaries in Japan, enclosed pictures that tell something of their Christmas activities.

This picture of our home Sunday School on Christmas Sunday. There are 160 children packed into our living room (The Ed Bollingers'), and my wife is teaching through an interpreter with the use of a build up picture. For most of these boys and girls, it is the first experience of

Sunday School, that is, coming here to our home. There is no church in our vicinity. You should hear them sing!

A Circus in Assam

During the Council of Baptist Churches in Assam (C.B.C.A.) second session in Nowgong this year, the children of attending missionaries got together in play, and quite on their own organized and produced a circus. This was held after the afternoon meeting on Jan. 4, 1952.

Talk during the meetings had revolved around financial support of the C.B.C.A. by the churches and associations in Assam, with the challenge of work among the Konyak Nagas (who are still head-hunting) by Longri Ao Naga being supported entirely by national contributions, as the main topic. The budget for that year had not been met by that date, and so naturally, there was much concern about this. So, the children decided to charge admis-



A Christmas program in the home of the Bollingers

sion to their circus, and raised Rs 17/11/6 which was turned over to the Treasurer of the C.B.C.A. to advance evangelistic work in Assam. This snap shows Dr. Curry buying his ticket from ticket-seller Judy DeLano.

Nanama of the Willing Heart

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Two of the latter relate to AFRICA, the foreign mission study theme for 1952-1953. It is noted that the map of Africa offers many possibilities in making program folders, invitations, favors, etc. The outline can be traced on the cover of a folder or booklet. Map-shaped place cards or favors, cut from yellow paper, emphasize our "golden opportunity" in this field. Write on each the name of a station and the name of a missionary working there.

For a program booklet, use two outlines, one slightly larger than the other for the cover. Place the "bulge" of West Africa on the fold of the paper.

Perhaps your plans for the Africa study will include a church-wide program. This might be combined with the usual Church Night dinner, featuring a *Jungle Menu*, prepared several years ago by Grace Baptist Church, Camden, N. J., and repeated here.

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The current issue of *Program Pointers* provides the pattern for an "elephant" nut cup. If you plan a menu similar to the above, send for a free copy of this bulletin.

Tuck your invitation into a travelling bag such as overseas airline travelers use. Simple in outline, this may readily be fashioned from construction paper.

Or write the invitation on a long narrow strip of heavy paper, with the cutout elephant head design (mentioned above) at one corner, extending beyond the straight edges of the card.

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Hope, Faith, and Peace. To link these to the "Star" theme, add the other "shining points"—*Love and Courage.* (Suggestions will be found in the current issue of *Program Pointers*.)

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A *Birthday Party*, honoring our missionaries, is another suggestion in the packet. Consider *Daniel 12:3* as a possible keynote. Note that the Pen Sketches mentioned in the program are available (*Price 3¢*) only at Literature Department, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

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In 1935, *The Open Forum of Methods* described a series called *Stars*, prepared and presented by the women's group of the First Church, Chico, Cal. The Scripture key-note was *Psalms 148:3*. Because several suggestions may be adapted to this year's program, they are repeated here.

A cluster of stars, each framing a letter, formed the title. (NOTE: This suggests the possibilities of small gold and silver gummed stars available at stationery stores.)

Starlight was the appropriate theme of the annual meeting. A poster with one large star in the center (representing the missionary society) was displayed. This was encircled by smaller stars placed by officers and committee chairmen as their reports were given.

The Milky Way, suggesting white, was the title of a White Cross program.

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A reminder! *Behold the Stars* is available only as a packet—the individual programs and folders contained therein are not sold separately. The price is 60¢; two for \$1. Orders should be sent to your nearest denominational bookstore.

Ministers of Tomorrow At Green Lake

Immediately after the Chicago Convention a large body of second year students from all of Baptist theological seminaries met under the auspices of the Council on Missionary Cooperation and the Board of Education and Publication, at Green Lake, Wis., on the American Baptist Assembly Grounds, May 24 to May 30. Over 200 students for the ministry were present, in addition to leaders of the Convention. Many of the students had attended the Convention.

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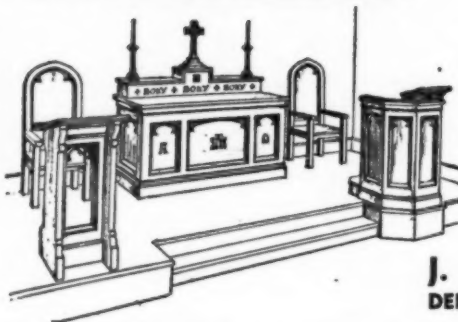
Leaders of the Conference included Reuben E. Nelson, Ralph M. Johnson, Luther Wesley Smith, G. Pitt Beers, Jesse R. Wilson, Irene Jones, Mrs. Milo C. Wenger, Forrest M. Ashbrook, and Donald B. Cloward. Present also were representatives of state conventions and city Societies.

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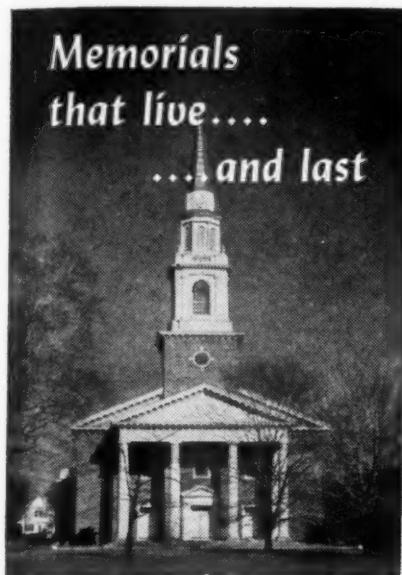
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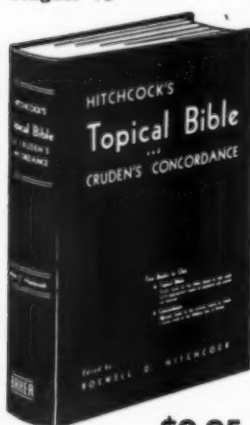
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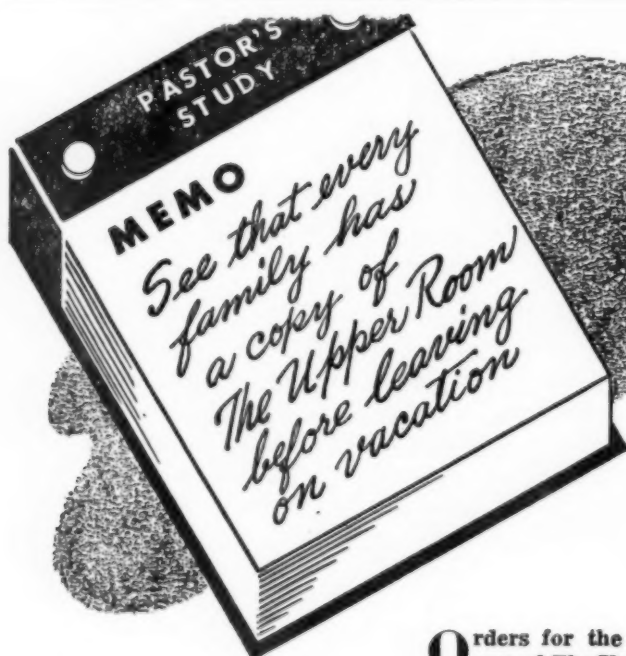
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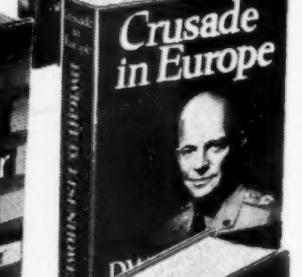
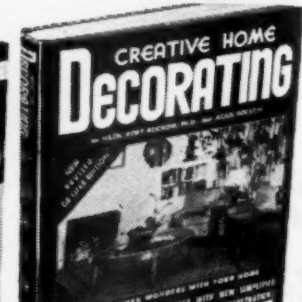
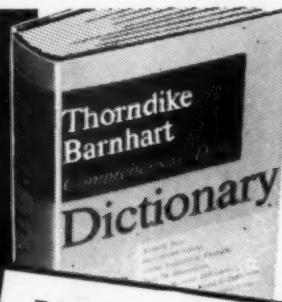
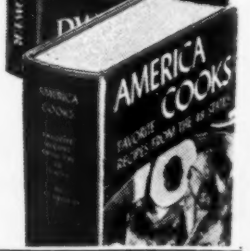
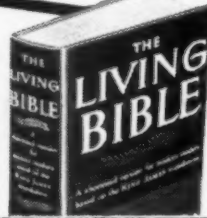
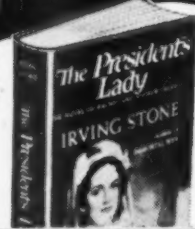
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